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## Propositions 53 and 54 Rejected

■ **Measures for infrastructure and restriction on collection of racial data fail.**

BY MICHAEL ORDOÑA
OPINION EDITOR

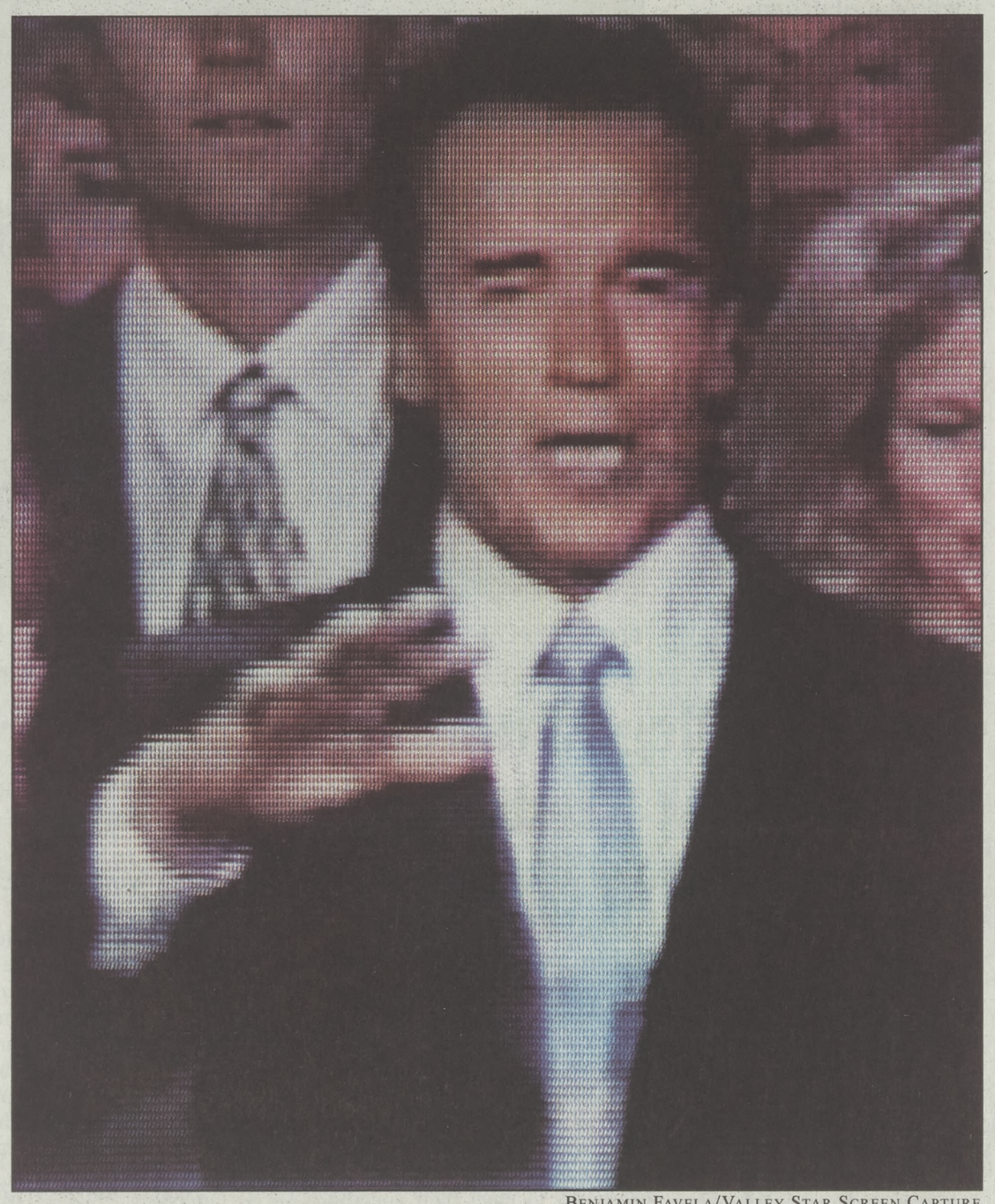
Proposition 54, the controversial measure to severely limit the government's ability to collect race-related information, was defeated by a 60 to 40 percent margin.

Proposition 54, sponsored by longtime affirmative action foe, UC Regent Ward Connerly, was touted as the "Racial Privacy Initiative." According to its official website, the measure would have compelled California to "treat all its citizens equally."

Opponents, including Arianna Huffington, called the measure "racism without a paper trail."

Meanwhile Proposition 53, to allocate 3 percent of the state's general fund to the building of roads, bridges and edifices such as hospitals, was throttled at the polls by Californians in the throes of a record deficit.

Voters rejected Proposition 53 to the tune of 65 percent against and only 35 percent for.



BENJAMIN FAVELA/VALLEY STAR SCREEN CAPTURE

**OVERWHELMING VICTORY** - Arnold Schwarzeneggar gives his victory speech Tuesday night after recieving more than 50 percent of the vote. Schwarzeneggar pledged to not let down the people of California.

## Schwarzenegger Wins Judgment Day

■ **Actor wins in a romp as Davis is recalled.**

BY KRISTA CARLSON, MICHAEL ORDOÑA AND PHILLIP ROBERTSON
STAFF WRITERS

California voters elected actor and entrepreneur Arnold Schwarzenegger the state's 38th Governor last night by an overwhelming margin. The vote was so lopsided that CBS projected Schwarzenegger the winner only eight minutes after polls closed.

"We need to bring back the trust in government itself," the governor-elect said to a capacity crowd at the Century Plaza Hotel, eliciting boisterous cheers. "We have tough choices ahead. For the people to win, politics as usual must lose."

At press time, with 46 percent of precincts reporting, Schwarzenegger was trouncing runner-up Lt. Governor Cruz Bustamante by a nearly 20-percent margin in the replacement race. Schwarzenegger registered 51 percent of the vote compared to Bustamante's 32. Among the other major candidates, Republican State Sen. Tom McClintock received 13 percent and Green Party candidate Peter Camejo 3 percent of the vote.

The Austrian immigrant and former Mr. Universe survived an 11th hour controversy over allegations of sexual misconduct reported last week by The Los Angeles Times. The total number of women to accuse the actor of inappropriate sexual behavior toward them swelled to 16 Monday.

"What does Arnold know about California?" Valley journalism student Maggie Ownbey said. Business management student Karen Packer said she would leave the state if Schwarzenegger won.

Meanwhile, California voters decisively recalled Gov. Gray Davis. Only 44 percent of the estimated 10 million who voted opposed the recall, while 56 percent opted to throw the wildly unpopular incumbent out of office.

"The voters decided it's time for someone else to serve. I accept their judgment," Davis said in his concession speech just before 10 p.m. He will leave office less than one year into his second term.

"I've never liked Davis from the very beginning," liberal arts student Diosa Pazos said. "I'm hoping that the new governor will turn everything around."

Due to possible legal challenges and the timetable of the certification process, Schwarzenegger will probably not be sworn in until mid-November, until which time Davis will continue to serve as California's governor. Schwarzenegger will then complete the remainder of Davis' term, slightly more than three years.

For extended election coverage, visit The Valley Star online at www.lavalleystar.com.

## ASU Reaches Full Complement

■ **Newly appointed commissioners introduced at meeting.**

BY SUSAN MALTBY
STAFF WRITER

Nine new members joined the Assiocatied Student Union board, following the semester's start with only four members. The ASU completed interviews and selections over a two-week period after reviewing applications.

"I'm looking forward to making a big difference on campus this year," said Shirin Salamat, the ASU's new commissioner of student and social affairs.

Along with the newly appointed commissioners, the board also appointed two new officers. Ariel Ourian was appointed parliamentarian and Philip Feldman was appointed chief justice. ASU president James Brevard welcomed the new officers and commissioners and thanked them for volunteering to do their part.

Sherretta Thomas, newly appointed commissioner for the evening division, committed herself to improving security and visibility at night and wants to increase involvement of evening students.

"I would like to see more activities geared toward evening

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**THE NEW** - Four of the nine new members of the ASU are (l-r) Shirin Salamat, Daly Sorvongsavanh, Oleg Kagan and Jessie Salas.

## Valley Plans New ID Cards

■ **New Monarch Cards planned to allow students easier access to campus services.**

BY DANIEL KANE
STAFF WRITER

Student identification cards are needed for checking out books, using labs and a number of other services. Recently, Valley College has not been producing them.

In a quest for better technology, the school struck a deal with Smart Card, a company that would introduce college IDs with smart chips. Shortly after the school made the deal with Smart Card, the company folded.

In addition, the cards did not perform as expected. Plans to make financial aid and other funds accessible through the card like a debit card never took place.

"The smart cards turned out to be not so smart," said Florentino Manzano, associate dean of admissions and records. "In 2000, the machines that produced the cards were starting to have trouble. Everything finally stopped working just before summer session started."

Still determined in their quest for a smart chip-ID, Valley administration found a new company, Card Integrators.

If successful, the new ID card is going to become the card that Valley wanted in the first place. Plans include providing the entire faculty with cards that would allow them speedy access to information and act as a keycard for doors. The new cards will enable students to

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TAMMY ABBOTT/VALLEY STAR

**BOOKSTORE BLUES** - Community college students all over California have been affected by recent textbook fee hikes. William Brewer, a cashier at Valley's bookstore, helps students in a hurry.

## Reslоution Seeks Relief from Skyrocketing Textbook Fees

■ **Proposal would encourage investigation of publisher practices.**

BY MICHAEL ORDOÑA
OPINION EDITOR

The Student Affairs Committee of the Los Angeles Community College District proposed a resolution urging California's lawmakers to take "a serious look into the monopoly and practice of textbook publishers" and is waiting for the local academic senates to consider it.

"The Pythagorean Theorem hasn't changed in 2700 years," said Stacey McMullen, board of trustees student representative. "Some of these books don't have to change either."

The resolution states that textbooks make up 60 to 65 percent of total education costs for Los Angeles' community college students. Further, it charges the top five textbook publishers with, "often changing editions without [justification], using faulty reasoning for adding color and other costly additions, blaming instructors for all of these things."

The District Academic Senate representatives voted unanimously in support of the resolution last month. Valley College's Academic Senate will vote on the resolution at 1 p.m. Oct. 16 in the faculty lounge.

"Everybody wants to blame everybody else, but really it's the publishers," McMullen said. "There should be some kind of ethical accountability with these publishers, knowing what we're paying for these textbooks."

Staff at the Valley bookstore was unable to give exact figures, but confirmed that the six publishers listed in the resolution are indeed the largest suppliers, with Pearson holding the lion's share.

"A conscious effort has to be made by the district itself," said James Brevard, Valley's Associated Student Union president. "We can put a lot of pressure on the publishers. There's strength in numbers."

Apart from the rising costs of subsequent editions, changing editions prevents students from selling their used books back to the bookstore and makes it difficult for them to obtain used, cheaper copies.

Price differences between new and used books can be significant. One textbook currently employed in Valley oceanography classes lists at $103 new, but is available used for $73.

Valley bookstore manager Claudette Burns said that although the prices don't change by large amounts from edition to edition, their life span is usually two years. "This means every

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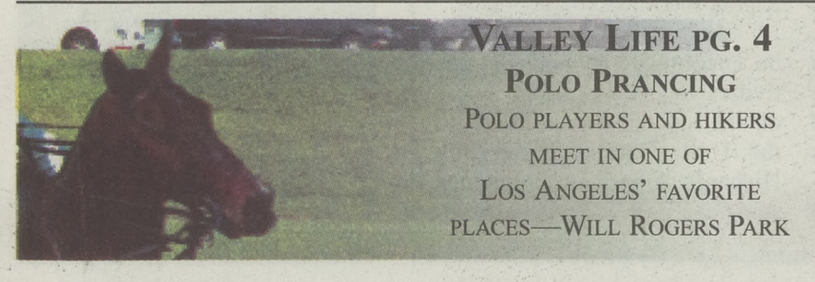

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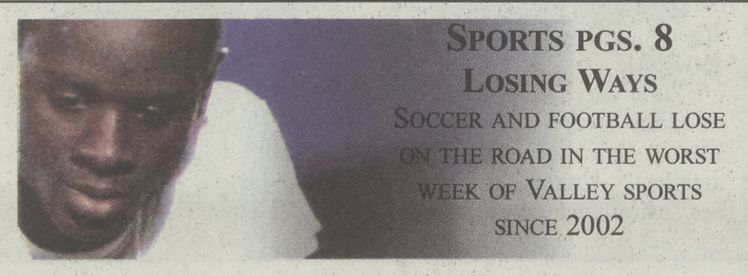

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## NEWS REEL

**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK:**
The American Red Cross of Greater Los Angeles is promoting fire safety awareness this week by urging families to develop an action plan.

"Developing a home fire escape plan that everyone understands can mean the difference between life and death," said Sharon Counselman-Keith, director of emergency services.

**RACE FOR THE WHITE HOUSE:**
Sen. Bob Graham (D-Fla) announced Monday that he was withdrawing from the 2004 presidential race.

**SOUTHLAND QUAKE:**
A small earthquake rattled southern San Diego on Tuesday, unnerving residents along the U.S.-Mexico border. There were no reports of injuries or property damage.

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# Emergency Response Team Develops Plan

### ERAT develops disaster response platform.

By Jacqui Brown
Staff Writer

The Emergency Response Advisory Team met last week to hammer out the details to bring Valley College's emergency plan off the shelf and into reality.

"Within the institution, stand alone, we are not prepared," said Lou Albert, director of staff and operational planning. "We are in no way prepared to respond to a natural or manmade disaster other than what we would rely upon by gut level feeling and with whatever organized police would be available."

Albert wants to inform faculty and staff of its roles and responsibilities and educate the staff about incident command systems and standardized emergency management system procedures. "They have to know what exists of the infrastructure after any disaster and what we can expect from police, fire and military," Albert said. "We're going to look at the existing plan and activate it, from training drill scenarios to whatever we can do to get this college ready."

The intention of this think tank is for Valley to be prepared throughout all facets of use. One of the priorities will be to set up volunteer teams to coordinate each area of concern including hazardous materials, rescue operations, food distribution, medical supplies and equipment distribution, non-medical supply distribution, shelter, medical aid, community relations, damage assessment and triage.

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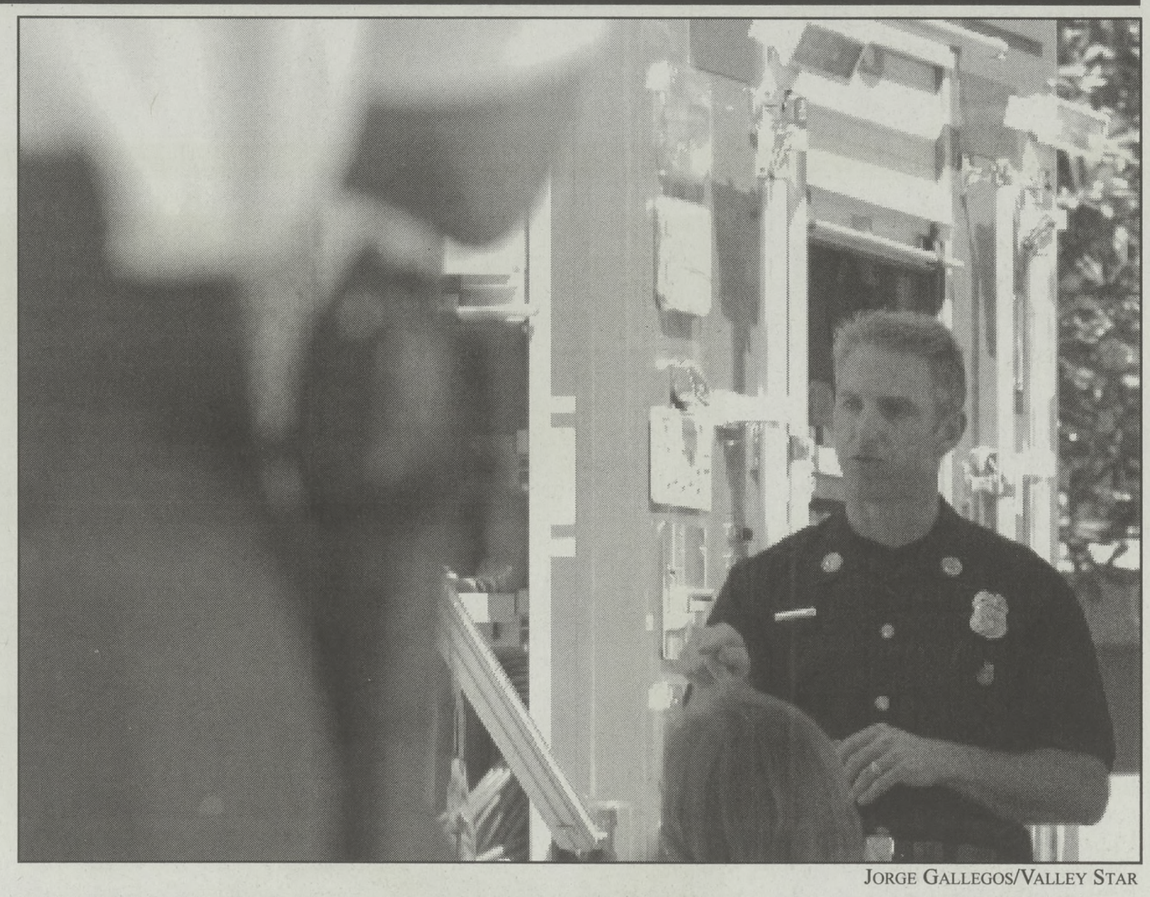

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**SECURITY PLAN** - Firefighter Scott Michael points out what needs to be done for the new security plan.

# Research Training Offered in LAIR

### Library offers hour-long workshops to improve electronic research skills.

By Krista Carlson
Editor-in-Chief

The Valley College Library is offering a series of bi-weekly workshops focusing on electronic research sources. The hour-long workshops will give students hands-on experience in research strategies, locating journal/newspaper articles, use of the online catalog and the beginning and advanced Internet use.

"A lot of students don't come to college with the research skills that they need to do college research," Valley librarian Xiaoyang Lui said.

The workshops will be held on various days and times throughout the semester to accommodate varying schedules. Students may sign up for the workshops in the library at the reference desk, and may view a schedule in the LAIR lab, where the workshops will be held. Each class has a 45-student capacity.

Students may receive extra credit in some classes.

## This Week's Workshops

**Today -**
**Research Strategies**
**3 p.m.**

**Thurs -**
**Online Catalog 6 p.m.**

**Fri -**
**Locating Journal and Newspaper Articles**
**12 p.m.**

# Valley College Students Eligible for Lower Cost Medical Coverage

### Students without health insurance risk "losing what they have worked for."

By Susan Maltby
Staff Writer

With the rising costs of health care, people who lack adequate insurance may be gambling more than they realize. Many students work only part time and may not be eligible for coverage through their jobs. Students risk not only their physical health, but also their financial well-being by choosing not to have health insurance.

"At least 70 percent of students we see at this clinic aren't covered," health center coordinator R.N. Barbara Perlman said. The main reason for lack of coverage is because a student can't afford it. "We're aware that most students are struggling financially," Perlman said.

The Valley College Student Health Services Center provides students with information about a number of low cost student health insurance programs. The health center also offers a multitude of free health care services, referrals and programs. Students who aren't covered by insurance can get an individual plan designed to meet their specific needs.

Through a partnership with the Community College League of California, which sponsors a low cost domestic student health insurance plan, Valley students can obtain basic coverage for less than $240 per semester. Dental plans and coverage for children are available at an increased rate.

"I think it's horrible that as a country we don't provide health care insurance for everyone," physical education instructor Marla O'Connell said. "The people who need it the most are usually the ones who end up without it. Thankfully the college can help students get the coverage they need with some of the programs we have."

By attending college, students are making a direct investment in their future. Unexpected medical bills could jeopardize everything a student works hard for. A case of appendicitis, a broken leg or any other medical emergency could lead to hospitalization costs of thousands of dollars.

"Many students may not be aware that as full-time students,

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# Cat Corpse Found in Valley Parking Lot

### Body found with string wrapped around neck.

By Jacqui Brown
Staff Writer

A young cat was found dead on last week.

A passerby found the small tattered body in parking lot G near the tennis courts, with a shoelace wrapped around its neck and body, apparently strangled to death.

"We are offering a reward of $2500 in conjunction with Actors and Others for Animals," said Tom Jacobsmeyer, vice president of administration. "The campus should understand that these cats are of interest to the administration and we want to protect them."

Actors and Others for Animals keeps track of the cats in the Trap, Neuter and Release program by having the animals' right ear clipped. Because of its un-maintained appearance and unclipped right ear, it appears that this cat may have been new to the campus.

"These cats know the people who protect and feed them," said Joyce Peiper, program consultant for the animal rights organization. "It's not easy to get a hold of one, so whoever is hurting them has to be trying pretty hard to catch one."

"If the people committing these acts of brutality are not caught in the act, chances are they will never be caught," Peiper said. "We have to be realistic about this. But if we do catch them, we will definitely prosecute."

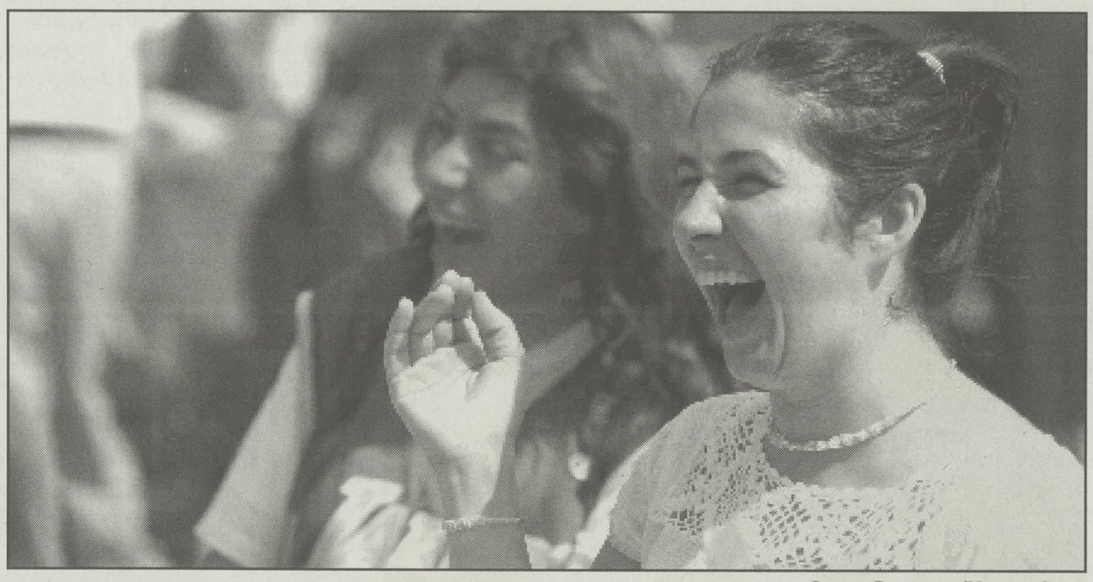
The administration has posted signs around campus warning people about what will happen if they are caught harming these animals.

"I want to put this information back out there," Jacobsmeyer said. "We are interested in catching any individual who would hurt or torture a cat."

If anyone has any information regarding this or any other attack, they should contact the Sheriff's department.

In our Sept. 24 issue "Valley College Benefits from Grant Money" incorrectly named Sylvia Rodriguez as dean of admissions and records. Although Rodriguez was once dean of admissions and records, her position at Valley College is now as the director of the Title V-Woodbury/LAVC Connections Center.

In the same issue "Merit Not a Consideration for Admissions," lists section 8106 of Title V as barring schools from using evaluative methods to determine admission, but it is actually section 58106. Also, the Valley Star would like to clarify that although the Los Angeles City College student was addressed to his program, the lottery system remains in place at California community colleges.



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**SO FUNNY** - Commissioner of Campus and Environmental Affairs Shirin Salamat enjoys the Latin heritage celebration held on Monarch Square Oct. 1.

# Latino Heritage Month Celebrated

### Festival celebrates Hispanic culture and heritage month with activites.

By Christina Grate
Staff Writer

Bright red, white and green traditional Mexican garland adorned Monarch Square Wednesday, inviting students to join in the festivities of the Chicano/Latino Heritage celebrations.

Campus clubs recruited members and sold traditional Hispanic foods, such as tostadas, arroz con leche and flan, in attempts to raise money for their clubs. The Associated Student Union hosted the celebrations.

"It's very exciting to see so many people of Hispanic, Latino heritage come out together," Cheer club member Antoinette Hannon said. "Everyone from Mexico, South America and Central America just coming together and supporting each other."

"Many people don't know that the majority of students on campus are of Hispanic background," said Olga Orozco, president of PESSA, the pre-medical, engineering and science scholars association. "It's good to see that Latinos are getting involved on campus."

In 1989, President George Bush proclaimed Hispanic Heritage month to run from Sept. 15 through Oct. 10. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 37 million people in the United States are of Hispanic origin. During this month people of all nationalities are encouraged to become acquainted with Hispanic history, art, and customs.

"It gives me pride to see my culture, my people, celebrated on a national and local level," student Jenny Jimenez said. "It makes me feel proud to be a Chicana and to be able to encourage others like myself to learn about our background."

The festivities featured a jalapeño eating contest, a piñata breaking and forum on Proposition 54 with Keith Hardine of the American Civil Rights Institute.

"Hopefully students will be encouraged by today's festivities to become more aware of the contributions made to the United States society by Hispanic Americans," Jimenez said.

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# Opinion



# One Way or Another

Each week, The Valley Star examines an issue from two sides.
This week: **Should Undocumented Immigrants Be Eligible to Obtain Driver's Licenses?**

## Don't Criminalize Minorities

**By Ivy Dai**
Online Editor

The real reason we don't want to give driver's licenses to undocumented immigrants is because we think they're foreign to us and are not really human.

September 11 showed us that we're not comfortable with anyone who isn't white. Anti-Islamic hate crime incidents rose a dramatic 1,600 percent in the past year, according to an FBI report. Nine weeks following 9/11, the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee documented more than 700 violent incidents targeting those perceived to be Arab Americans.

Many attacked Gov. Gray Davis for pandering to the Latino vote by signing SB 60, the very same bill he vetoed last year. Davis acknowledged that undocumented immigrants benefit our state economy, but cited post-9/11 concerns.

"I publicly stated my willingness to provide driving privileges to hard working, law-abiding immigrants who pay taxes and perform work that many Americans refuse to do," Davis said, "However, if we grant driver's licenses to them because they're workers, it's reasonable to require proof that they are, in fact, working."

However, undocumented immigrants are required to provide proof of working and paying taxes before getting their licenses.

The bill requires applicants to provide a federal individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN) or social security number (SSN). A federal ITIN is issued by the Internal Revenue Service for wage and tax reporting purposes to employees who are not eligible for a SSN.

This bill was first introduced as a public safety concern. Fort Myers Insurance Company owner Cathy Whidden-Perez said 50 to 60 of its clients have been victims of accidents caused by uninsured immigrants since 2002.

***SB 60 provides a record of the 8 million undocumented immigrants in California, which is an increased security measure.***

"If you have an accident with someone with no license, no insurance, you're going to have to turn the claim in to your insurance," Whidden-Perez said. "It's really not fair to the public. You have to pay the deductible out of your pocket, and your rates go up."

Since 9/11, many states have stopped issuing driver's licenses to undocumented immigrants, according to the South Florida Sun-Sentinel. This restriction is one of many post 9/11 anti-immigrant laws.

***9/11 showed us we're not comfortable with anyone who isn't white.***

SB 60 requires applicants to provide proof of residence, fingerprints and a birth certificate. A record of the nation's 8 million illegal immigrants is actually an increased security measure.

Opponents argue that a driver's license grants unrestricted access to many airport areas and the ability to purchase firearms. Why shouldn't undocumented immigrants buy plane tickets to visit their families? Or buy firearms to protect themselves? Just because they're illegally living here, does that automatically mean they're criminals?

Our society criminalizes minorities. The mental picture of our attacker is not white. We never envision Europeans blowing up our country. In WWII, Japanese-Americans were interned for fear of espionage, but not one was ever convicted of such a crime.

Many immigrants come to California to work hard, make money and move back home. We're barring access to the very people whose ancestors lived here 150 years ago. A full third of California is Spanish-speaking.

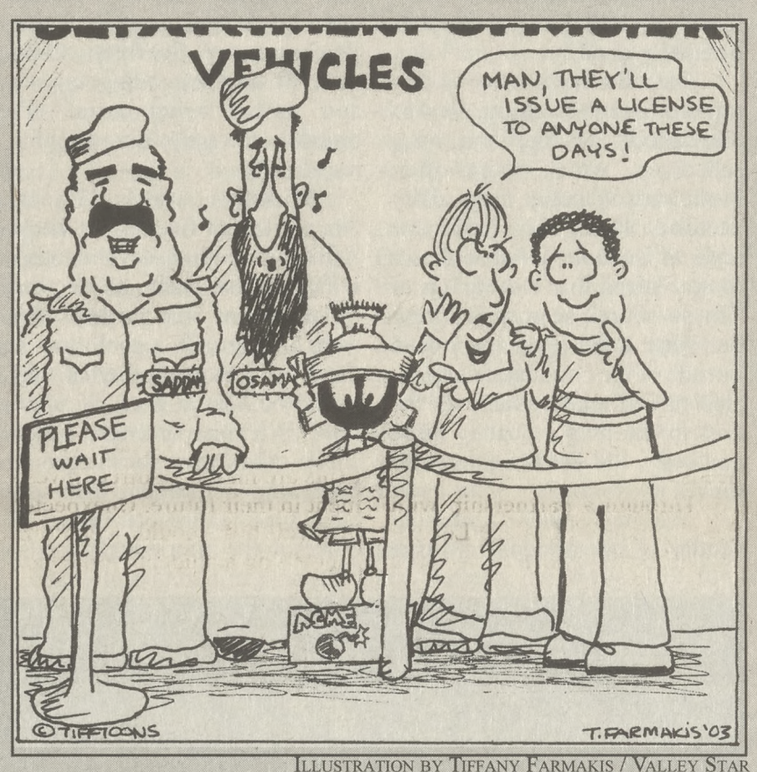
We need to recognize immigrants as hard-working, productive individuals who contribute to our state economy. We need to recognize immigrants as having basic human needs and help them out any way we can.

## Licenses To Kill

**By Peter O'Connor**
Staff Writer

Driver's licenses will soon be legally obtained by undocumented citizens in the state of California, stirring up many issues. The state is home to an estimated 40 percent of the illegal immigrants in America, or between 2.8 and 3.6 million. The remaining 60 percent are scattered primarily throughout 13 other states.

The new California law lacks any credible identity check. The individual taxpayer identification number issued by the Internal Revenue Service is all that is required, and the IRS does not release any information, making verification difficult. This will allow criminals of any nationality to apply for a license under a phony taxpayer ID number.

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"It is an invitation to forgery," said U.S. Rep. Chris Cox (R-Calif.).

Under current law, a California driver's license can only be obtained by a resident with a social security number, and the Department of Motor Vehicles checks its validity with the Social Security Administration.

"Boy, oh boy," wrote a reader to The San Diego Union-Tribune, "I guess Gov. Gray Davis just wanted to throw away what remaining chance he had to stay in office by signing this idiotic idea into law."

Proponents say that those here illegally need transportation to and from work because their employers depend on them so much. That is a minor problem compared to the possibilities that lie ahead.

***"It gives the illegal alien a passport to board a plane ... enter a federal building ... buy a gun and even register to vote"***
*-Phyllis Schafly*

"The driver's license is not merely a license to drive a car," notes conservative columnist Phyllis Schafly, "It gives the illegal alien a passport to board a plane, get a job, rent an apartment or car, open a bank account, enter a federal building, apply for social services, travel back and forth across our borders with Mexico and Canada, buy a gun and even register to vote."

Taxpayers will face immense financial repercussions when the millions of illegal aliens line up for their driver's licenses. The DMV says it will need 1,000 new positions in 16 new temporary field offices for 12 to 18 months.

Providing illegal immigrants this privilege is only knocking on other problematic doors, such as in-state tuition for illegal aliens and gun control issues.

Illegal aliens have not been able to purchase or transfer firearms since the passing of the Gun Control Act in 1968. Federal law enforcement sources have warned that the new bill will permit illegals to complete seemingly legitimate gun purchases, since the only identification necessary to do so is a current driver's license. California gun transfer forms rely on the honor system to establish citizenship.

"If they lie on their dealer record of sale and say yes, they are a citizen when they are not, there is ... not going to be a further check completed," said California Department of Justice spokesperson Hallye Jordan.

Californians are already starting to collect signatures to repeal the new driver's license law by referendum.

**Agree? Disagree?**

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# *Campus*View

***Should Undocumented Immigrants Be Eligible to Obtain Driver's licenses?***

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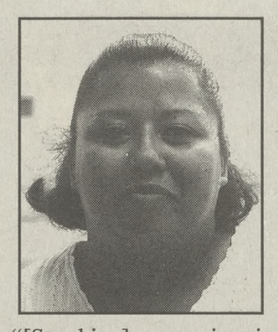
"Absolutely not. They're not supposed to be here anyway."

Stephanie Daniels

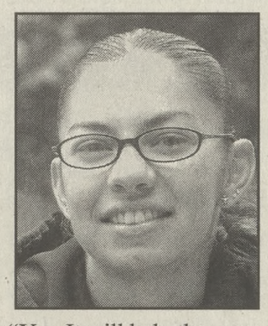


"[Speaking] as an immigrant, yes. If they're working, they have to travel. It's good for everybody."

Heidy Garcia

"No. It's one of the perks of being an American citizen. We shouldn't be encouraging illegal immigrants to stay in this country."

Cassa Kaminski



"Yes. It will help the economy and it will make the roads safer because they can get insurance."

Rosa Rivera

Staff Editorial

## A Congressional Cavalcade of Stars!!!

Remember the old days, when political stargazers had to settle for the likes of Sonny Bono (R-Calif) and crappy old Gopher from the Love Boat (Fred Grandy, R-Iowa)?

Those days are long gone. This is a veritable golden age for starstruck cretins who vote.

Those innovators in Minnesota blazed the trail by electing WWF hero Jesse "The Body" Ventura its governor; without that pioneer, who would have taken the even more fictitious candidacy of Arnold "The Gropinator" Schwarzenegger seriously?

Now those dizzy kooks at the GOP are talking about drafting none other than Dennis Miller as a congressional candidate. This is the same Dennis Miller whom the chief republican constituency, 18 to 49-year-old talk radio-listening males, so recently derided as a fruity left-wing intellectual during his Monday Night Football stint. Once it got out that he's actually a right-wing curmudgeon, he suddenly became congressional material.

And then there's Kelsey "Frasier" Grammer, who recently announced that he would like to run for the senate some day. Well, why not? He's an obscenely rich white man with a drug problem, he'll fit right in.

All of this gets one thinking, what other celebrities with no political experience should hold high government offices?

Rush Limbaugh seems like a natural for "vice" president, but his recent troubles might hinder his nomination. He unapologetically spouted racist nonsense on national TV and his name surfaced in a major drug investigation … but he didn't grope anyone. If only he had groped someone, maybe Ann Coulter, the same folks who so aggressively forgave St. Arnold would have swept Rush into office.

There's still time, Rush. Get groping, Limbaugh!

Martha Stewart is an easy choice to lead the SEC; she even has experience with the enforcement process.

Bruce Willis famously called President Bush to offer his fighting services in Iraq; with him as Secretary of Defense, who would dare mess with Uncle Sam? After the way he single-handedly killed all those terrorists in that office building, and then in that airport and then all over New York … Al-Qaeda will be quaking in its sandals!

***This is a veritable golden age for celebrity watchers who vote!***

And for president …

Since voters obviously judge candidates by things they said in movies instead of their actual ideas, why not Leonardo DiCaprio? Who can forget lovable Leo proclaiming, "I'm the king of the world!" on the prow of that mighty ship?

Heck, he'll fit right in with current foreign policy — just picture him landing on an aircraft carrier after we annex Canada declaring himself king of the world. It's a photo op waiting to happen!

He could even use his (character's) experience in the most popular film of all time as a metaphor for how he'd steer the powerful vessel of America through the icy waters of terrorism.

Sure, the boat sank in the movie, but that didn't stop folks from voting for a murderous cyborg from the future, intent on destroying mankind.

Of course, since Leo is only 28 years old, we'll either have to wait seven years to elect him or push an amendment through congress.

But think of how dreamy he'll look at the dais with the official seal on it … in the Oval Office … on Air Force One. He'll be way better than that stinky old Harrison Ford!

Let's start right now. Let's recall the president, and elect Leo!!!

It'll be totally awesome!

## Fibs and the Fibbing Fibbers Who Allow Them to Fester

**By Phillip Roberston**
News Editor

The recall election of Gov. Gray Davis brought the voices back. They had most recently appeared during the 2000 presidential election. The voices claim that these historic elections are a part of what Hillary Clinton calls a vast Republican right-wing conspiracy to take over the country. In effect, the voices lump Bush voters together with supporters of the recall, many of whom were not Republicans, as participants in a coup d'état.

Hogwash.

The choir, led by Democratic National Committee chair Terry McAuliffe, former President Bill Clinton, Davis, political strategist James Carville and humorist Al Franken, claims that the Republican Party is in the throes of a widespread power grab. Claiming that republicans do not believe in the sanctity of elections costs McAuliffe credibility.

"I believe we must double our efforts to expose this recall for what it is -- an attempt by special interest republicans to overturn an election and install a governor out of touch with Californians," McAuliffe said.

The recall was not about a power grab, it was about the voters in this state exercising their constitutional rights to replace an ineffective and inept governmental official. There have been many recalls of local officials in California history, including the mayor of Los Angeles in 1938; yesterday's was the first to reach the statewide level.

Where are the voices speaking out about the large number of democrats who signed the petition qualifying the recall for the ballot? With Davis not having much more than a 20 percent approval rating and a state with a largely democratic voting pool, the recall was far from a republican coup.

A large number of democrats and independents had to support the recall for it to have gone forward. If anything, the announcement by San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown to start an immediate recall of the new governor (if a Republican) sounds like a power grab and the devaluing of the sanctity of an election.

The cacophony demonstrates a wider inability to move past the over-partisan world of politics. The voices recently condemning Arnold Schwarzenegger as a sexual predator were silent when similar allegations arose against Clinton, just as the voices condemning Davis' handling of the state's economy are silent about the floundering status of the U.S. economy.

The recall was justified by Davis' gross mishandling of the state's affairs. American voters have a tool to recall Bush as well; it is called the 2004 election. The same standards for a statewide recall do not apply to federal office.

If this country is ever going to move forward, we must move beyond the finger pointing.

## Campus Scene

**Thursday, October 9**

Michelle Matsumune, flute
Christin Phelps Webb, bassoon
Music Recital Hall, 11:30 a.m.

**Saturday October 11**

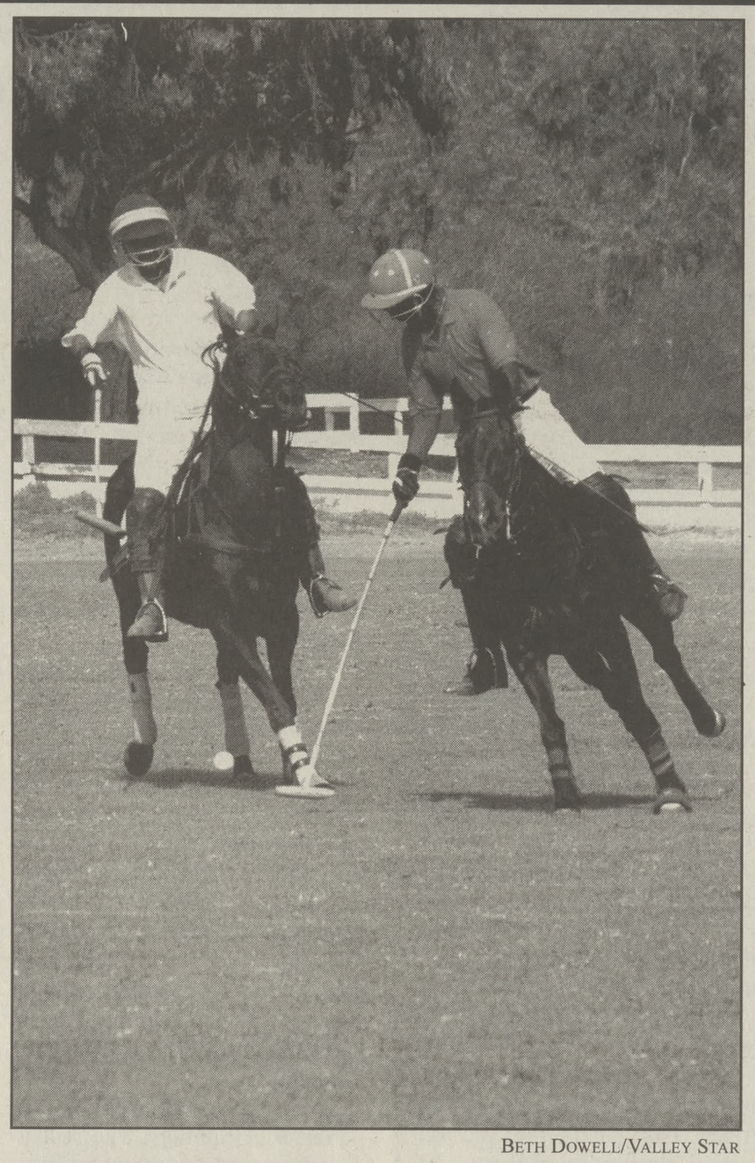
Meet The Pros
Film Industry Pros Offer Advice
8:00a.m. Fireside Rm.
Monarch Hall

Valley Symphony Orchestra
Robert Chauls, Conductor
Leonid Belinsky, oboe
Mainstage Theatre, 8:00 p.m.
$15 general admission;
$10 students and seniors

Applications for Homecoming court are due at the Associated Student Union office, CC104 by 4 p.m. Oct. 13

**Wednesday October 15**

Sukkot Celebration
Monarch Square
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Please bring canned food for SOVA food drive.



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**EXHIBITION GAME** - Domingo Questel, a professional polo player, helps Malibu win 8-6 by blocking Dan Dameyer of Santa Monica at Will Rogers Historical Park.

## Take A Hike:

# HIKE A SLICE OF THE OLD WEST

**By Kathy Arellano**
Staff Writer

Take a walk on the west side when you want to get away but can't venture too far. It can be challenging to find a place that feels separate from the busy city, but at Will Rogers Historical Park it's natural to slow down to enjoy the panoramic view of the city from atop Inspiration Point.

Located in the hills of Pacific Palisades, above western Sunset Boulevard, this state park was a gift from Betty Rogers, who deeded the 180-acre ranch to California in 1944, for public use and as a memorial to her famous, funny, down-to-earth husband, Will, who met his untimely death at age 55 in an airplane crash. Will, Betty and their three children moved to the ranch in 1928, enlarging the rustic weekend cottage to the 31-room ranch house that stands today.

The mansion, located just north of the visitor's center, is going through a major seismic renovation project now, but most other areas of the park are accessible. Ranch house tours are scheduled to resume in late 2004, according to the California State Parks website.

Will Rogers' offers biking and hiking trails of varying difficulty

The view is only one qualities of a day trip to Will Rogers'. The park offers exhibits and programs, equestrian, biking and hiking trails and developed, shady picnic areas. With amenities like plenty of modern, wheelchair-accessible bathrooms and leashed dogs allowed on two trails and in the park area, Will Rogers' proves to be a comfortable excursion.

***"As far as I'm concerned, the best hike in L.A. is Rustic Canyon. This hike is for experienced hikers who have a map of the area and plenty of water."***

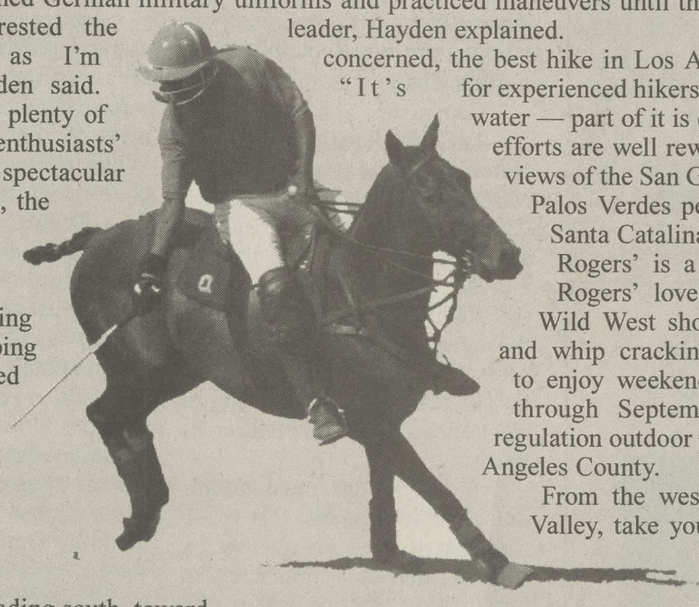
The biking/hiking trails at Will Rogers' vary in difficulty, from the relaxed Inspiration Loop to

The two-mile-long Inspiration Loop trail is a wide, level fire road with is light uphill walking, but it is, "safe and appropriate for children and adults," according to Jerry Schad, author of "101 Hikes in Southern California."

For a moderately strenuous four-mile roundtrip hike, head up the fire road to single-track Backbone Trail and continue to Chicken Ridge Bridge and back. Serious athletes can hike, bike or run for 20 miles or more along Backbone Trail to Topanga Canyon or Mulholland.

The rugged trek into nearby Rustic Canyon, another single-track trail, offers not only a challenging hike, but also a glimpse of the little-known Pacific Palisades Nazi camp where a group of German-American survivalists lived in the 1930s, according to park ranger Tim Hayden. The group donned German military uniforms and practiced maneuvers until the FBI raided the place and arrested the leader, Hayden explained.

"As far as I'm concerned, the best hike in Los Angeles is Rustic Canyon," Hayden said. "It's for experienced hikers who have a map of the area and plenty of water — part of it is cross-country."



Hiking enthusiasts' efforts are well rewarded on any of the hikes with spectacular views of the San Gabriel and Santa Ana mountains, the Palos Verdes peninsula and, on a clear day, Santa Catalina Island.

Will Rogers' is a working ranch, celebrating Rogers' love of horses with an annual spring Wild West show that includes trick riding, roping and whip cracking contests. The public is invited to enjoy weekend polo matches, from April through September, played on the only regulation outdoor polo field in Los Angeles County.

From the west San Fernando Valley, take your favorite route to the I-405 (San Diego) freeway. Get on the freeway, heading south, toward Santa Monica. Take the Sunset Boulevard exit. Turn left onto N. Church Lane, and then right on W. Sunset Boulevard. Drive 4.5 miles and, just past Spezia Place, turn right onto Will Rogers State Park Road. Follow the steep, winding road to the park gates.

There is a $5 parking fee and the lot is open from 7:00 a.m. until dusk, seven days a week (except a few holidays.)

Visit and specify Will Rogers SHP to find out more, or call the park at (310) 454-8212 for specific park information. Visit for polo information and schedules.

*See the Oct. 29 issue of the Valley Star for the next segment of "Take a Hike," featuring the Los Angeles River.*

# Sweat And Peers

**■ Seniors turn to Valley's Fitness Center for keeping fit and catching up with friends.**

**By Jacqui Brown**
Staff Writer

Don't let their age fool you — seniors are not only getting buff at Valley College's fitness center in the south gym, they're enjoying it.

Staying fit after retirement can extend your life, according to medical studies. There's no doubt that a healthy diet and regular exercise are the perfect balance for keeping the endorphins coursing through your brain and staving off what gravity tries to undo with the passage of time.

"Before my heart attack, I used to laugh at people who went to gyms," Norton Markin of Sherman Oaks said. "Now, God help me, I'm addicted." Markin started working out about two years ago after bypass surgery. "I never had any interest in it. I used to say 'you want to ride a bike, go outside and ride a bike. You want to run, go run a track.' I looked around and this is really the best deal. The social aspect is definitely good."

The fitness center's 26-minute circuit training makes allowances for age and busy schedules, which most often is the reason many forgo daily exercise. Here, this particular style of workout is what draws in and keeps this elite group of fitness-bound seniors working out. Most other gyms are priced outside of the boundaries of pension or retirement plans, so the cost for keeping a healthy mind and body, $18 per semester, also makes it affordable.

"It's fun," said 83-year-old Studio City resident Moshe Melnick, a retired principal and teacher who many say is the smartest man in the gym. "We're having fun. It's spiritual and physical and we discuss everything from A to Z — politics, religion, opera — everything."

Bernie Christian, co-director of the gym since it's inception in 1991 estimates that the fitness center has the third highest enrollment of any other class on campus with anywhere from 1,100 to 1,600 students.

"About 30 percent of those who use the gym are seniors," Christian said. Because this is the type of class where you can talk, keeping everyone on track is a tough job.

***"It's more than a gym, it's like therapy. It's probably the only thing keeping me alive."***

"I was feeling very dissatisfied with my life, so I started coming to the gym," Irving Brickman of Sherman Oaks said. "I stopped being cranky and started being social. It's probably the only thing keeping me alive."

Brickman, who is 83 years old, works out five days a week. After befriending several other senior fitness buffs, he decided to take it one step further. "We were having such a good time at the gym, I wondered what they would be like in a social situation." Brickman arranged a luncheon at his home for the group, beginning a tradition that now takes place at various homes of others in the informal club.

"When I first started in the gym I used to read my bridge column," said Sherman Oaks resident Shirley Richter who recently hosted a luncheon. Richter began coming to the gym in 1991. "I didn't talk to anyone, but Irving broke the ice. He was determined that we should be friendly, so he started talking and I stopped bringing my bridge column."

In addition to the desire to keep at bay the hands of time, the social integrity of the facility lures many of the seniors in the community. Some live alone or are looking to add a new dimension to their lives. The interaction, while good for the body, gives them a place among peers. You see them lined up just about every day on the bikes, conversations ranging from health issues to the latest political fodder and sometimes just plain old chin-wagging.

"My wife used to come to the aqua aerobics," said Howard Lipkin of Sherman Oaks. "She built friendships, it was a great social occasion — another opportunity to talk and everyone had a story. I came to the gym because I don't like water, you get wet."

Lipkin, a retired contractor, said that seeing these people at the gym is a way to keep up on who's well, who's ill and who has other problems — a place to commiserate. "I've made a lot of friends here and I look forward to it every day. It makes working out pleasant because you can sit next to someone [on a bike] and shoot the breeze."

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**NEVER TOO OLD FOR MUSCLES** - Howard Lipkin, left, and Moshe Melnick show off their buff biceps with joy. Lipkin and Melnick are regulars at the fitness center.

# Valley Life

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RACHMANINOFF - Mark Sherwin, piano player at the musical recital, in the middle of playing one of Sergei Rachmaninoff's pieces.

## Capturing An Audience

By Harriet Steinberg
Staff Writer

Bobbing heads kept time to the music, while trills and chords played by pianist Mark Sherwin captured the audience in the music recital hall Thursday.

"I hope to introduce you to music you haven't heard before," Sherwin said before his performance.

Sherwin gave brief descriptions of two composers in the program. Haydn, he said, "Leans toward the classical period of music, while Chopin was more modern." He then told the listeners that Rachmaninoff was considered a 20th century composer since he lived most of his life in the 20th century.

Valley College student Ricardo Beron, a music major who plays the recorder, was surprised when he heard Sergei Prokofiev's Sonata #2 in D minor. "Even though it's a 20th century piece it was very graphic and wasn't too dissonant. The notes reminded me of a sewing machine," Beron said. Beron thought Rachmaninoff's music was the most romantic, but enjoyed the many moods that both masters brought to their compositions.

Sherwin majored in piano at Cal State University Northridge and has studied under the late Jacob Gimpel, and then went on to study with noted artist coach Mark Richman. He is currently studying with pianist Tyler Tom in Los Angeles.

Sherwin recently gave his second piano performance in San Francisco and performed at the Brand Library in Glendale last month. This was the Southern California native's first appearance at Valley.

"The notes seem to tumble down chasing one another," community resident Lester Brown said.

Dianne Wintrob, chair of the music department, prepares her students in Music 152 for the weekly concerts. Wintrob's goal is to teach her students to appreciate music. Knowing what to listen for in a piece of music can make all the difference. For example, the anatomy of concerto's and symphonies, how many movements they contain and what to listen for within them and comparing and contrasting various tonalities of different instruments and the melodic role each one might have in any given composition. Wintrob also talks about the various terminologies that are used when discussing various types of music.

There are different levels of listening to music, "One can be analytical and critical or just relax and daydream," Wintrob said. daydream," Wintrob said.

## *CREATING A CIRCLE OF BLISS*

**Anyone can see the "Circle" is bliss.**

By Tammy Abbott
Vally Life Editor

Prayers are like grains of sand as Buddhist monks begin work on the mandala of Chakrasamvara from the Ganden Shartse monastery in India.

Across the globe, a steady flow of visitors came to the Los Angeles County Museum of Art to see Tibetan Buddhist monks begin their three and a half week journey of creating this richly colored mandala Sunday. This is the first time the mandala has been made in the United States.

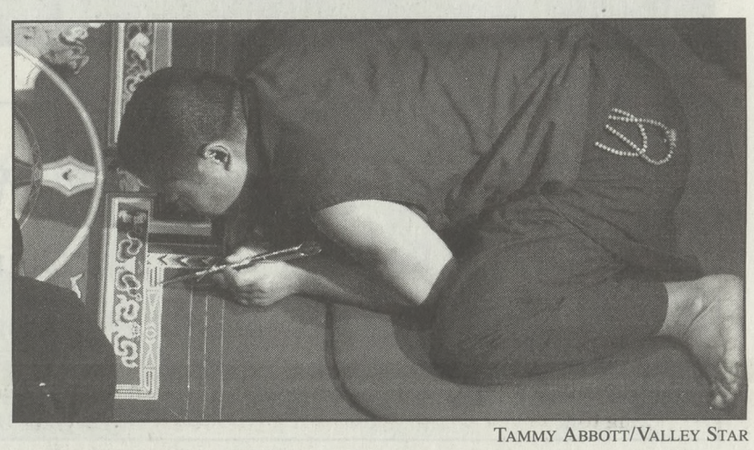
"The Tantric Buddhist tradition of painting with colored sand evolved as a means of consecrating the planet and it's inhabitants to bring about purification and healing," according to the LACMA website, www.lacma.org.

> ***"Our culture is dying and we are here to raise the awareness of love, compassion and unity for all religions."***

"Our culture is dying and we are here to raise the awareness of love, compassion and unity for all religions," said Tsering Dhondup, interpreter for Geshe Longtok–Lama. "The very purpose of all different religions is to cherish nature and promote basic human value," Dhondup said.

The living art exhibit is part of the "Circle of Bliss" exhibition. The exhibit includes an extensive collection of meditational art including painting, sculptures, textiles and ritual implements that communicate the ideals and teachings of key Himalayan Buddhist tantras. The various pieces come from Tibet, Nepal, India and China.

The exhibit is open until January 4, 2004. There will be a closing ceremony, which will begin with elaborate religious and musical rituals performed by the monks. The ritual is performed to acknowledge that everything is impermanent. The mandala will be destroyed and its brilliantly colored sand will be put into the Pacific Ocean to carry it's blessing all over the world.



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**PAINTING WITH SAND** - A monk paints the mandala of Chakrasamvara for the first time in the United States.

## Costello's Rainy Day

**Elvis Costello composes, arranges and conducts an accomplished song cycle with strings and piano.**

By Michael Ordona
Opinion Editor

"North," Elvis Costello's latest foray off the beaten track, is a richly melodic and deeply personal hybrid of chamber music, dinner jazz and pop. One hint that you're in for a different experience from Costello's recent work is that the album is on Deutsche Grammophon, the renowned classical label.

Indeed, the first track, "You Left Me in the Dark" sounds like Weill or even Schumann played by a jazz combo in a smoky room. The collection initially evokes the feeling of a rainy day; then seems to move through a clearing fall afternoon and into a beautiful night.

The Schumann comparison is apt because the album feels like a song cycle, probably inspired by the composer's disintegrated marriage and subsequent engagement to jazz singer Diana Krall. Costello describes it as "perhaps the most personal I've written."

At the center of "North" is a trio of songs that are no less than breathtaking. In "Fallen," he sings, "I never did what I was told / I trampled through the amber and the burnished gold / But now I see how cruel the young can be," with the bittersweet wisdom gleaned from withered love.

The simple piano subtly moves the listener from the preceding gloomy textures into something as crisp and mellow as the leaves that are the song's key image. Then modest strings sweep to a piano coda that keeps surprising with its ability to fall.

The album's apex is the stunning "When It Sings," surely one of the highest points of the composer's career. "All the words you say to me / Have music in them," he sings, "All the sorrows and the joys / Like magnetism." Costello's craft has never been more precise or inspired than in this pearl of new love.

Typical of his work, however, it carries unusual complexities, acknowledging his marital failure: "Maybe this is the love song that I refused to / Write her when I loved her like I used to / And I fear my heart may spin and fracture / Like tears of stone falling from a statue."

The third song of this triumvirate is the first single, the lovely and unadorned "Still": "I want to kiss you in a rush / And whisper things to make you blush / And you say, 'Darling, hush / Hush / Still, still.'"

From there, "North" lightens considerably, from the touch of Tin Pan Alley in "Let Me Tell You About Her" to the closing "I'm in the Mood Again," worthy of Hoagy Carmichael.

The CD comes with a PIN for a free download of an additional song, the charming title track. And the limited edition release includes a DVD containing three videos.

This album is not for everyone. It's not for nothing that Deutsche Grammophon doesn't top the pop charts. But "North" is a rare feat of magnificent songwriting and arranging that places alongside Radiohead's "Hail to the Thief" and The White Stripes' "Elephant" as the year's best so far.

## *ELEMENT OF HOPE*

By Jacqui Brown
Staff Writer

*Last week the Valley Star featured Avon's "Walk of Warriors" in recognition of breast cancer awareness month. The following is the story of Avon's 'Angel of Hope', Colleen Shaffer.*

Colleen Shaffer is not a cancer survivor; she is a patient that is surviving her treatment.

It's been 16 months since doctors told her she had six months to a year to live Her cancer had metastasized into her spine, bones and liver. "I'm blessed," Shaffer said.

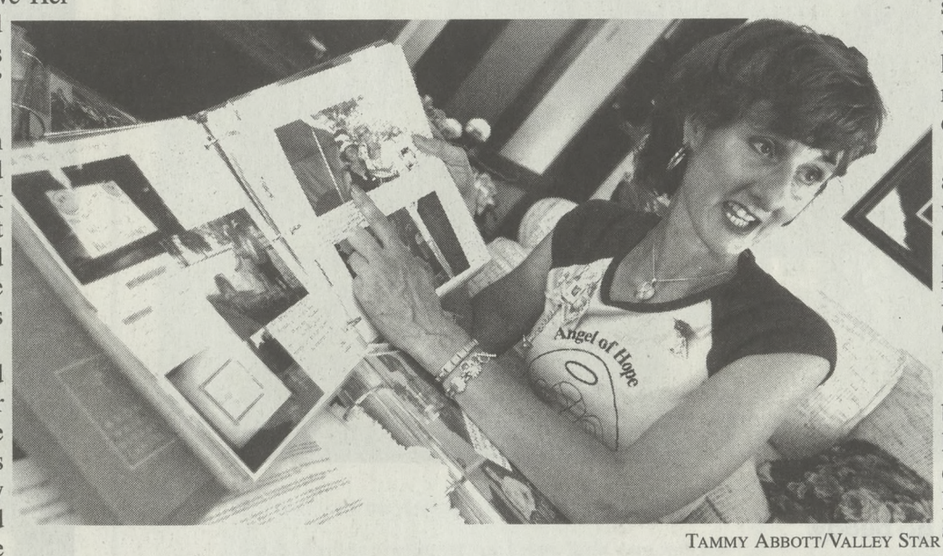
Schaffer was living in Paris with her husband and was not due to come back until October 1999, but because her son needed help moving, she came back in seven months early.

Although she had discovered a lump in her breast while abroad, she didn't consider it serious as she was prone to lumpy breast (fibroids) and had previously undergone needle aspirations that had proved benign. Knowing she would only be in the United States for 14 days she scheduled appointments with her doctor and dentist.

What Shaffer thought would be a routine exam quickly turned into a nightmare. "I got the mammogram, had an ultrasound and they were inconclusive," Shaffer said. "My gynecologist knew my lifestyle (living abroad) and said 'If you were my wife I'd have it removed.'"

Knowing the time constraint of the trip and trusting her gynecologist's recommendation, she decided to forgo the needle biopsy, a simple procedure to withdraw fluid, and undergo surgery. After removing a 3-centimeter mass the surgeon looked her in the face and told her she did not have breast cancer, bringing Schaffer relief at last.

But three days later, a week before she was to return to Paris, the surgeon called her back and dropped the bombshell — She did have breast cancer. Further testing proved that she was stage three in her left breast, stage one in her right breast and three out of four lymph nodes were already involved.

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**ANGEL SPREADS HER WINGS** - Shaffer now counsels other breast cancer patients for the American Cancer Society.

"Thank God I didn't wait until October because I probably wouldn't be here today," Shaffer said. "The hardest thing I had to do was to call my husband and tell him that I was not coming back to Paris. I had to tell him I was going to have a double mastectomy, chemotherapy, radiation and reconstruction."

Shaffer checked into the University of California Medical Center a month later, her husband at her side. She had both breasts removed and began the process of reconstruction.

Shaffer feels that the reconstructive surgery was a huge part of her healing process. "I was hoping for at least a b-cup because I was tired of having to wear padded bras," Shaffer said. "Laughing, as I said to myself, 'If I'm going to do this let me at least get something up here.'"

Shaffer's pear shaped figure became her blessing. The doctors were able to use tissue from the saddlebags on her hips for the reconstruction. "The good lord took away my boobs, took away my hair, but now I've got cleavage and chemo curls," she said proudly of her new d-cup.

A friend of hers called her and said she was going to do an Avon breast cancer walk in her honor. Since then, Shaffer has been one of Avon's biggest advocates.

"Women I met through the foundation made sure I had food, they brought me balloons and two weeks after finishing 18 weeks of chemo and six weeks of radiation they walked with me in my first Avon walk in 1999. This was the first day of healing for me."

"I remember someone asking me what is was like to finish the 60-mile walk and I said 'I feel like I just got out of hell and got into heaven.' I figured the cancer was going to be behind me. I really believed that."

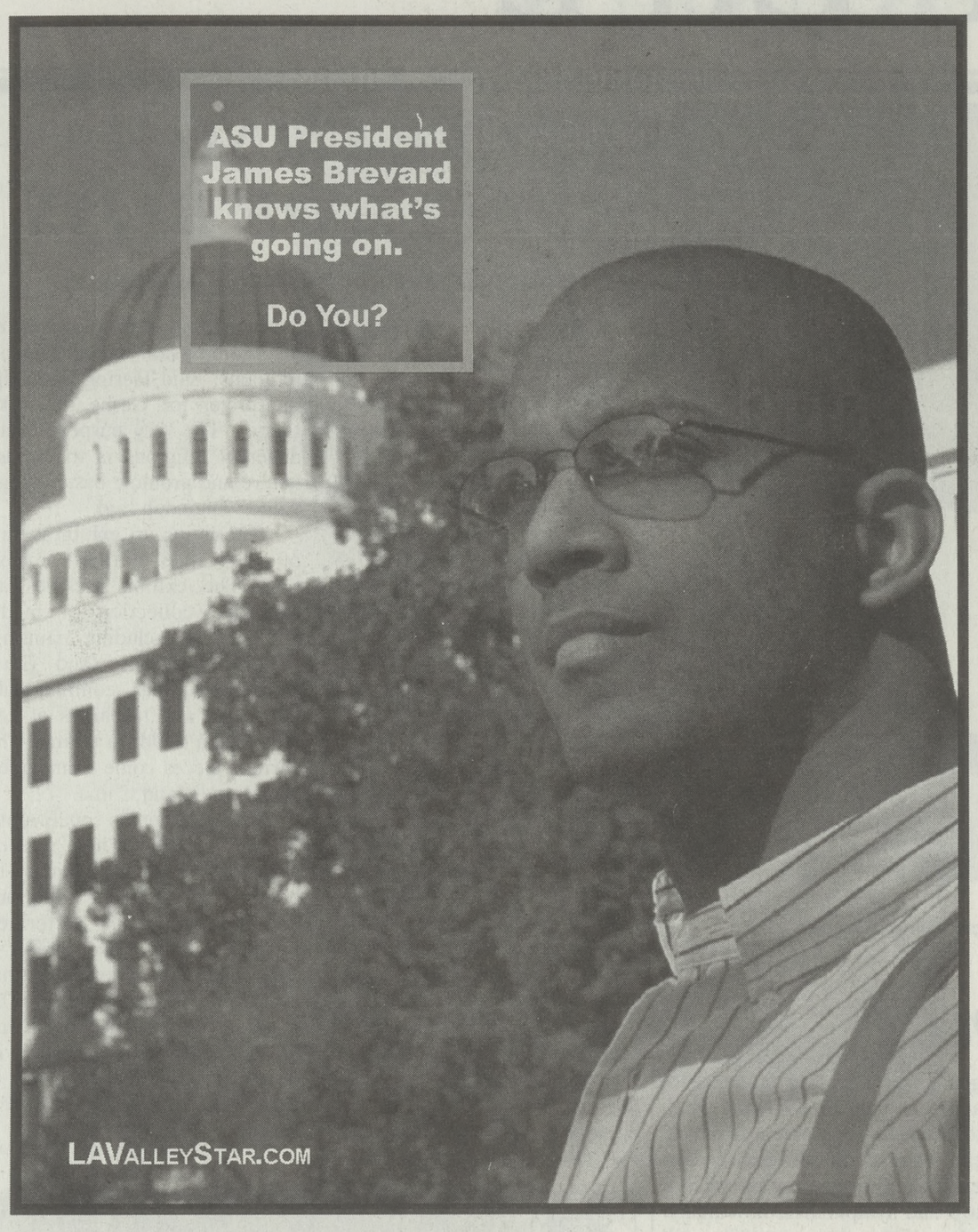
But Shaffer's belief was succumbed at the end of March 2002. The week before the April Avon walk in San Diego, one she would crew and not walk in, tests revealed her tumor markers had risen well above what is considered normal.

"I knew I had cancer again, I just didn't know where," Shaffer said. "You can't imagine — people are walking and I know that I've got the cancer coming back. It was a hell of a weekend."

Shaffer's fight with breast cancer continues. Her daily intake of chemotherapy keeps her cancer in suspended animation for now. She continues to work with Avon and is in charge of the breast initiative for the Santa Clarita American Cancer Society. She volunteers for the ACS and spends hours counseling women at every level of breast cancer.

"I can't complain" Shaffer said. "There's still an element of hope."

*See the next issue of the Valley Star for an additional segment featuring interviews with women in other stages of cancer, including those who've never been through it.*




# 'ASU'

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students," Thomas said.

The newly appointed representatives give the ASU a better student voice on campus, said Political Affairs Commissioner Igor Kagan. Kagan remains optimistic that with added students, the ASU will have more manpower for committees to organize various activities.

"It was an extremely difficult job to appoint the representatives," Kagan said. "We were forced to decide between two or more really great applicants. It's too bad that we couldn't offer more positions for them."

The ASU meets every Tuesday at 12:50 p.m. in CC-104. The board members can be reached at the ASU office in Monarch Hall.

## NEW ASU MEMBERS

**Tanarat Eaksuchon,**
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**Chief Justice**

**Ariel Ourian,**
**Parliamentarian**

**Oleg Kagan,**
**Inter-Club Council Representative**

# 'Textbook'

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two years there are no used books available."

"It makes it hard for us to do buybacks," said Christi O'Connor, assistant bookstore manager. "We still try, but that's the point of what the publishers are doing [by changing editions so frequently]."

One policy that can ameliorate the situation is Book Adoption, in which various sections of a class use the same book. For instance, all Valley Math 115 sections use the same textbook, as do many classes in the nursing, accounting, economics and law departments. That, at least, would encourage greater circulation of like texts and free much-needed shelf space at crowded college bookstores.

Ultimately, the power to assign books rests with the faculty members.

For instructors, academic freedom is paramount and any regulation that might infringe on it is looked upon dubiously. Publishers aggressively target instructors, inundating them with promotional items and trying to convince them that new editions are necessary for their classes.

"What we really want to do is make sure they know what [the various editions] contain, what's necessary to be replaced and how it affects students," Brevard said. "It's just a resolution now, but hopefully, the fact that we're looking into it will have some impact. Pressure can be brought from within — we do have a voice."

Valley Academic Senate President Shannon Stack said that while she expects the resolution to be adopted by the local senates, "some of it is sort of voting for apple pie" because it doesn't call for concrete action.

"Most textbooks do not need to be upgraded every year," Stack said. "We said we would try to work with the students to see [what pressure could be brought to bear]. We can tell the publishers that we're not going to order their textbooks."

Encouraging sales of used books would not adversely affect bookstores. The National Association of College Stores says that the average markup for a new textbook is 26 percent, while for used textbooks it is 34 percent.

"Maybe if the students say, 'Hey, you're killing us' and made a plan and encourage the instructors to really look into what's available," O'Connor said.

# 'Cards'

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cards will enable students to get faster and better service at campus facilities.

"This company will hopefully be long-standing, it seems pretty solid and other campuses think so too," Manzano said. "We've been working hard all summer, and once the cameras are operational it should be the last piece in the puzzle."

Initially, the cards will only be available for basic student uses. Learning from mistakes of the past, Valley administration will take its time establishing the new card system.

ID cards will still be free unless they need to be replaced, which costs $10.

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# 'Team'

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The team's experience ranges from emergency communications, cyber-security, on-site triage, psychological and medical service and media relations to police and fire. The advisory group, in partnership with the Sheriff's department, hopes to involve many campus resources. The plan will extend to community organizations to support the effort to pull together in the event that the campus is used as an evacuation site for residents seeking shelter after a disaster.

The advisory group would like to recruit campus resources. Utilizing students from the nursing program, emergency services and the biotechnology program could become one of the greatest assets not only for students, but also for community members while waiting for outside emergency aid.

"I don't have enough personnel to run this campus in the event of a major disaster," said Eric Hartman, campus safety coordinator. Hartman is in charge of emergency operations for all nine campuses in the Los Angeles Community College District.

## Car Break-Ins Common Recently

Ten cars had their windows smashed out and their stereos stolen over a 10-day period late last month. The cars, all Hondas and Toyotas, are choice targets to date. None of the burglaries had witnesses.

"The thieves appear to be targeting vehicles parked near bushes that provide some type of camouflage," said Sheriff Randy Tuinstra, head of campus security. "They've all been pretty clean breaks. It takes only about 15 to 20 seconds for this kind of theft."

Police say they will increase their patrol of all of Valley College's parking lots.

"You go to the well once too often," said Tuinstra, "and you're going to get caught."

# 'Health'

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they may qualify for coverage under their parents' insurance plan until the age of 24," said Angelo Cimity, Valley athletic trainer and campus heath advisory committee member. "Athletes are required to have injury coverage under the district's athletic plan, but it doesn't cover illness or non-sports related injuries," Cimity said.

Perlman recommends that students take advantage of a plan that offers basic coverage at a student rate and consider their personal health needs.

"Students are playing with fire if they think that major injury or illness probably won't happen to them," said Grant Eggleton, marketing director for State Farm Insurance. "It's very dangerous to lack health insurance. A student may be faced with devastating medical bills in the unfortunate event of illness or accident."


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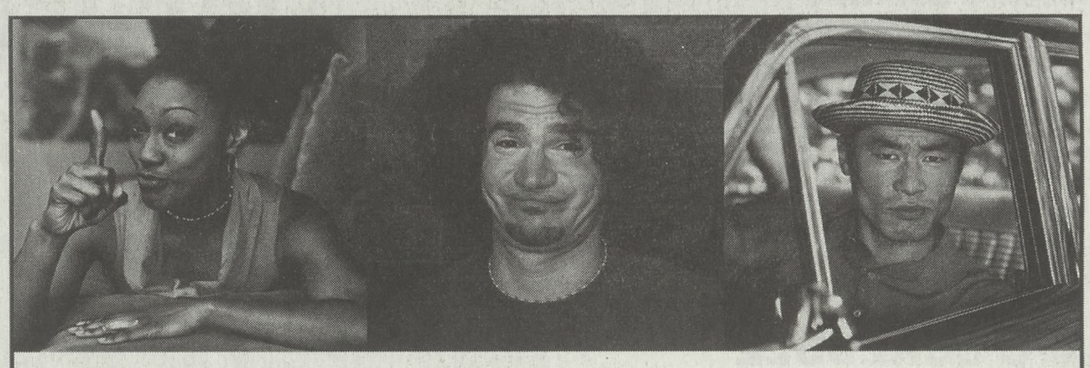
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WSC SOCCER

# Vaqueros Saved by Monarchs' Lack of Aim

**Valley soccer loses third game of the season on the road in Glendale.**

By Jorge Gallegos
Staff Writer

There was little to say at the end of the Monarchs 1-0 defeat against the Glendale Vaqueros. This was a painful defeat not only because it was against a weaker team in the same division, but because Valley dominated the game.

"Once again, we dominated but were unable to shoot the ball accurately," head coach Eric Archila said.

The only goal of the match came from a long cross that Vaqueros' forward Anabel Cortez shot, putting the ball over Monarchs' goalkeeper Mariel Gonzalez early in the game. That one goal was all Glendale needed.

From there, the Vaqueros were determined to rip every ball, kicking them anywhere. It didn't matter if it was going to a teammate, or to the lady watching the game on a mountain nearby.

The Monarchs came out for the second half expecting something better; they were upbeat and ready to go.

"We have this game, we have to put it in by the end of the second half," Monarchs' sweeper Karen Recinos said.

The story of the second half was a mirror image of the previous half. Valley tried to even the score but a lack of aim and some solid saves by Vaquero goalkeeper Roxana Morales kept the Monarchs' offense out of the net.

The Monarchs' best chance to score came on a free-kick taken by team captain Olga Pedraza. She asked for the ball, placed it on the ground and put her hands on her waist as she aimed at the goal. When the referee re-initiated the match, Olga shot the ball over the wall of Vaqueros.

A silent whisper from Valley's bench grew louder as the ball got closer to the goal. However, the Monarchs' hopes vanished as the ball darted off the horizontal post.

The loss left the team with a record of 5-3-3.

Valley visits Pierce College Oct. 14 to resume its heated rivalry.

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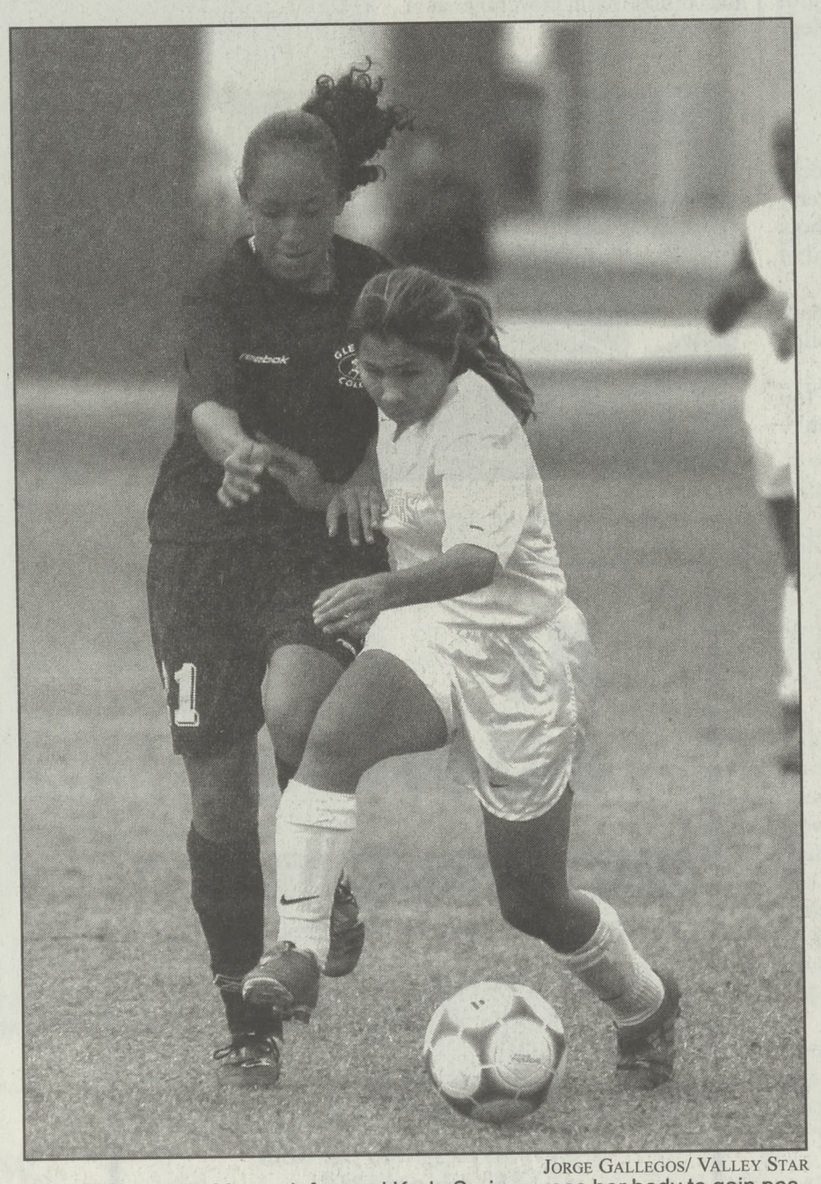

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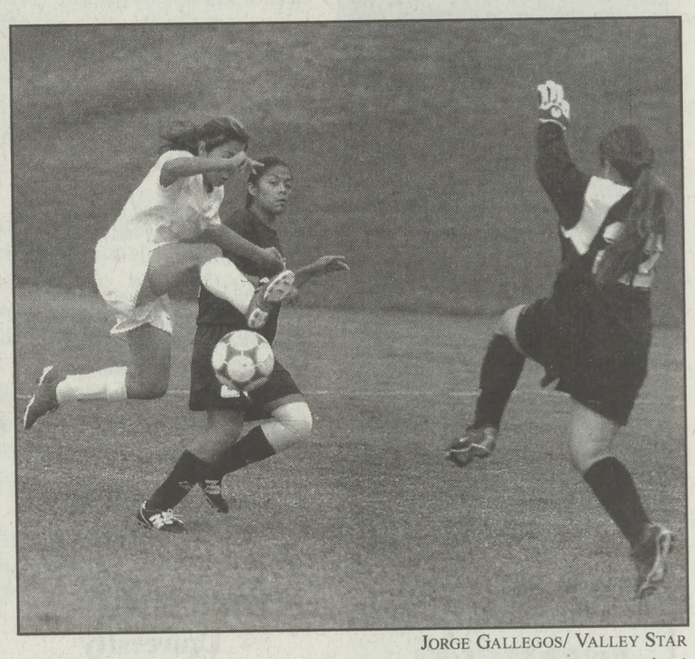
**SQUEEZING IN -** Monarch forward Karla Soriano uses her body to gain possession of the ball in a game against the Glendale Vaqueros at the Glendale Recreational Center Friday. Valley lost the game 0-1.

**SOCCER**
**Upcoming Schedule**
**Los Angeles Valley College**
**Western State Conference**

| Opponent | Date | Time |
|---|---|---|
| @ Pierce | 10/14 | 4 p.m. |
| Santa Monica | 10/17 | 4 p.m. |
| Citrus | 10/21 | 4 p.m. |
| Bakersfield | 10/24 | 4 p.m. |
| Glendale | 10/28 | 3 p.m. |
| @ Canyons | 10/31 | 1 p.m. |
| Pierce | 11/7 | 3 p.m. |
| @ SMC | 11/10 | 3 p.m. |



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**ONE-ON-ONE -** Valley's Karla Soriano goes one-on-one against Vaquero goalkeeper Roxana Morales.

## LAVC SCORES

**Football @ Moorpark (L 28-31)** 10/4/03 Record: 1-4
Edric Prim: (rushing) 20 TCB, 64 NYG, 3.2 AVG, 0 TD

**Soccer @ Glendale (L 0-1)** 10/3/03 Record: 5-3-2

**Women's Water Polo - Pasadena Tourn.** 10/4/03 Record: 11-3
**Valley vs. Trade Tech (W 20-2)**
**Valley vs. College of the Canyons (W 19-4)**
**Valley vs. Pasadena (W 20-7)**
CURRENT RANKING: Seventh in California

## LAVC SCHEDULE

**Wednesday 10/8/03**
Men's Water Polo @ Cuesta 3 p.m.
Women's Water Polo @ Cuesta 4:15 p.m.

**Thursday 10/9/03**
No Scheduled Games

**Friday 10/10/03**
Women's Water Polo @ Citrus All Day
Cross Country @ Santa Maria 3 p.m.

**Saturday 10/11/03**
Women's Water Polo @ Citrus All Day

**Sunday 10/12/03**
No Scheduled Games

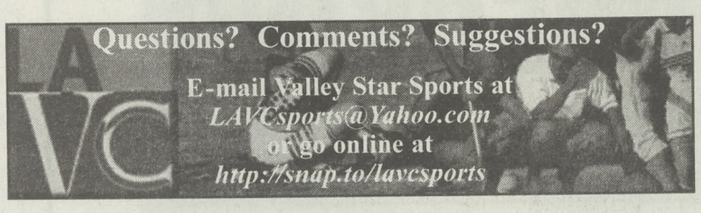
**Tuesday 10/14/03**
Soccer @ Pierce 4 p.m.

## PRO SCORES

**L.A. Galaxy @ Chicago Fire (L 0-2)** 10/3/03
LAG: 8-11-8, 32 points (K.Hartman: 7 saves) CF: 13-6-8, 47 points

**Chicago Cubs @ Atlanta Braves (W 5-1)** 10/5/03
Chicago Cubs advance to NLCS vs. Florida Marlins

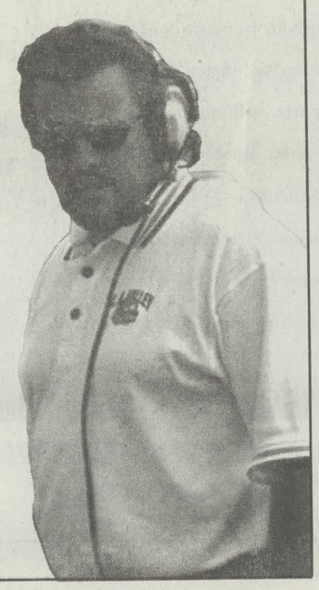
**Oakland Athletics vs. Boston Red Sox (L 4-5)** 10/6/03
Boston Red Sox advance to ALCS @ New York Yankees




## In Their Own Words

*"If you've never seen players of this caliber, get used to it. Play your asses off."*

**Ron Ponciano,**
Football Head Coach,
to the offensive line in the third quarter after a player complained about Moorpark's defense.



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# Monarchs Raided in Moorpark 28-31

**Valley football drops to a 1-4 record in a game full of contested calls, hot tempers, loose chains, and a sack of sacks.**

By Jayson Addcox
Sports Editor

MOORPARK — The Monarchs (1-4) experienced another agonizing defeat on the road after nearly erasing a 24-point deficit. The Moorpark Raiders stopped the Monarchs on fourth and inches on the 22-yard line with a minute on the clock to seal the 31-28 victory Saturday night.

"It hurts to lose like that," safety Kyle Clay said. "We fought hard, we're a team that never gives up."

With a minute left in the game and the Monarchs down by three, head coach Ron Ponciano decided to gamble on fourth and inches. Ponciano put the ball in the hands of freshman fullback Jake Wilcher, who was stuffed a few chain links short of the first down.

"I thought I got it, I hit the line hard," an exhausted Wilcher said after the game. "Their defense played hard all game."

The Monarchs continued its trend of falling behind early, spotting the Raiders a 24-7 halftime lead. The Monarchs had a punt blocked deep in its territory that set up one touchdown, then fumbled in the end zone giving the Raiders another touchdown right before the half.

"It lost the game for us," Ponciano said referring to the 14 points off of turnovers. "I really like the character of this team, but we tend to shoot ourselves in the foot."

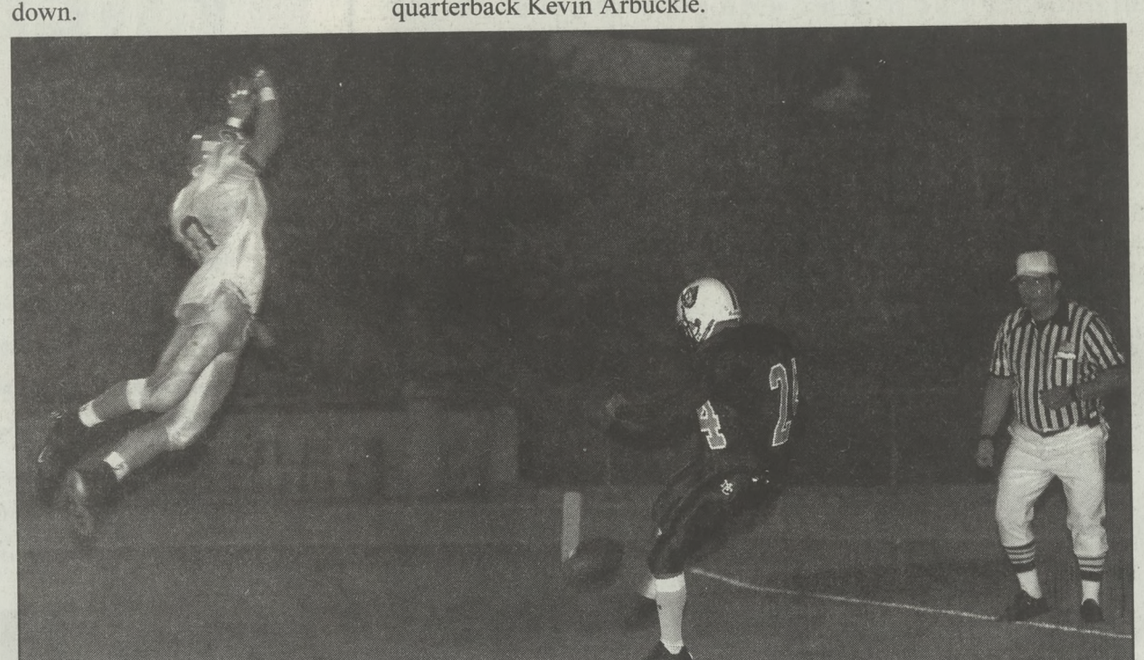
Despite a slow start, the offense dazzled in the second half, mixing the talented running ability of Edric Prim who carried 20 times for 64 yards, with the consistent passing attack of quarterback Kevin Arbuckle.

Arbuckle's biggest play of the game came in the fourth quarter when he lofted a pass to the corner of the end zone that was greeted by the soft hands of receiver Oswell Limerick, who made an acrobatic catch for the touchdown.

The defense only allowed one touchdown in the second half, and came up with four crucial stops late in the game. D'Andre Good made some key tackles, and deflected a pass late in the game that forced Moorpark to punt. The defensive secondary put the clamps on the Raiders' passing game, limiting them to 82 yards.

"We are a unit, a machine. If one piece breaks down the machine breaks down," Good said.

The Monarchs will host West Los Angeles Saturday.



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**HANG TIME -** Pedro Ramirez of Valley, left, gets a piece of the ball late in the fourth quarter Saturday to give the Monarchs a chance at winning the game.

## NOTES

**MLB**
The Chicago Cubs won their first playoff series in 95 years, defeating the Atlanta Braves 5-1 Sunday. The lovable Cubs rallied behind ace Kerry Wood and a homer by third basemen Aramis Ramirez. The Cubs will host the Florida Marlins in the first game of the National League Championship Series.

**WORLD CUP SOCCER**
Mia Hamm's farewell tour turned sour after the U.S. Women's World Cup team lost to Germany 3-0 in the semifinals Sunday. Germany will play Sweden at the Home Depot Center in Carson Oct. 12. The U.S. plays Canada in for third place Oct. 11 in Carson.

**NHL**
All-star Dany Heatley of the Atlanta Thrashers will face even more serious charges after the death of teammate Dan Snyder Sunday. The two were involved in a horrific car accident a week earlier that left Snyder unconscious with massive brain trauma.

**NFL**
The Kansas City Chiefs beat the Denver Broncos 24-23, after a stunning punt return by Dante Hall. Hall set the NFL record for consecutive touchdown returns of either kickoffs or punts with four in four games. The Chiefs are unbeaten in their first four games.

**MLB**
Kobe Bryant will be in court Oct. 9 for a preliminary hearing that will determine whether he will stand trial on a felony charge of sexual assault. Bryant and the Lakers announced that he will not play in the first two preseason games due to knee problems.

**MLB**
The Boston Red Sox advanced to the American League Championship Series Monday night after defeating the Oakland A's in the final game of the five game series 4-3. Pedro Martinez picked up the win for the Red Sox.

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## OFFICIAL STATS
## WESTERN STATE CONFERENCE

### WSC Football Standings

| NORTH | DIV. | PCT. | PF | PA | SEASON |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Canyons | 3-0 | 1.000 | 81 | 45 | 4-0 |
| Moorpark | 3-0 | 1.000 | 67 | 35 | 2-2 |
| Allan Hancock | 2-1 | .667 | 84 | 64 | 3-2 |
| Ventura | 2-1 | .667 | 65 | 71 | 3-2 |
| Bakersfield | 1-2 | .333 | 73 | 73 | 3-2 |
| Santa Barbara | 1-2 | .333 | 57 | 88 | 2-3 |
| ***L.A. Valley*** | 0-3 | .000 | 55 | 86 | 1-4 |
| L.A. Pierce | 0-3 | .000 | 48 | 107 | 0-5 |

| SOUTH | DIV. | PCT. | PF | PA | SEASON |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Citrus | 2-1 | .667 | 88 | 86 | 4-1 |
| West L.A. | 2-1 | .667 | 100 | 115 | 3-2 |
| Santa Monica | 2-1 | .667 | 110 | 56 | 2-3 |
| Compton | 2-1 | .667 | 76 | 49 | 2-3 |
| L.A. Harbor | 2-1 | .667 | 71 | 71 | 2-3 |
| Glendale | 1-2 | .333 | 81 | 99 | 1-4 |
| L.A. Southwest | 1-2 | .333 | 53 | 75 | 1-4 |
| East L.A. | 0-3 | .000 | 52 | 80 | 1-4 |

### WSC Individual Rushing

| | GMS. | NYDS. | AVG. | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Greg Morris (Moorpark) | 5 | 619 | 7.0 | 6 |
| ***Edric Prim (L.A. Valley)*** | 5 | 558 | 5.2 | 3 |
| Johnny Bentley (West L.A.) | 5 | 495 | 6.2 | 4 |
| Quinton Ganther (Citrus) | 4 | 474 | 5.7 | 5 |
| Marcus Crawford (Canyons) | 5 | 445 | 7.5 | 6 |
| Alex Garfio (Ventura) | 5 | 417 | 4.4 | 2 |
| Aaron Brown (Ventura) | 5 | 415 | 5.1 | 4 |
| Justin Smith (Glendale) | 5 | 383 | 5.1 | 3 |
| Rickey Herod (Bakersfield) | 5 | 324 | 8.8 | 3 |
| Roger Daley (L.A. Pierce) | 5 | 282 | 5.6 | 3 |
| Joe Harris (L.A. Harbor) | 3 | 279 | 9.0 | 1 |
| Gerrell Cain (Canyons) | 5 | 277 | 7.7 | 1 |
| Rocky Alo (L.A. Harbor) | 3 | 272 | 6.0 | 1 |
| Fred Colbert (East L.A.) | 5 | 267 | 3.6 | 1 |
| John Radney (East L.A.) | 2 | 257 | 8.0 | 1 |
| Mike Alias (L.A. Southwest) | 5 | 256 | 3.4 | 1 |
| Michael Santos (Hancock) | 4 | 233 | 4.5 | 4 |

### WSC Individual Passing

| | GMS. | NYDS. | AVG. | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| David Koral (Santa Monica) | 5 | 1443 | 12.8 | 11 |
| Devin Hollins (West L.A.) | 5 | 1452 | 17.1 | 16 |
| George Valos (Bakersfield) | 5 | 965 | 12.1 | 10 |
| Larry Dockery (L.A. Pierce) | 5 | 1112 | 15.4 | 5 |
| Chris Judd (L.A. Harbor) | 5 | 769 | 12.0 | 7 |
| Steve Payne (Citrus) | 4 | 876 | 13.7 | 7 |
| ***Kevin Arbuckle (L.A. Valley)*** | 5 | 634 | 12.0 | 7 |
| Jack Swisher (Ventura) | 5 | 695 | 13.6 | 5 |
| Jason Beck (Canyons) | 5 | 694 | 13.9 | 3 |
| Chad Nicholson (Hancock) | 4 | 581 | 12.6 | 3 |
| Chazley Foster (L.A. S'West) | 3 | 439 | 10.7 | 3 |
| Brandon Brooks (Compton) | 2 | 695 | 13.6 | 2 |
| Will Savage (Canyons) | 5 | 491 | 12.9 | 3 |
| Adam Freeman (Glendale) | 5 | 345 | 9.6 | 2 |
| Grant Eve (Moorpark) | 5 | 384 | 11.3 | 2 |

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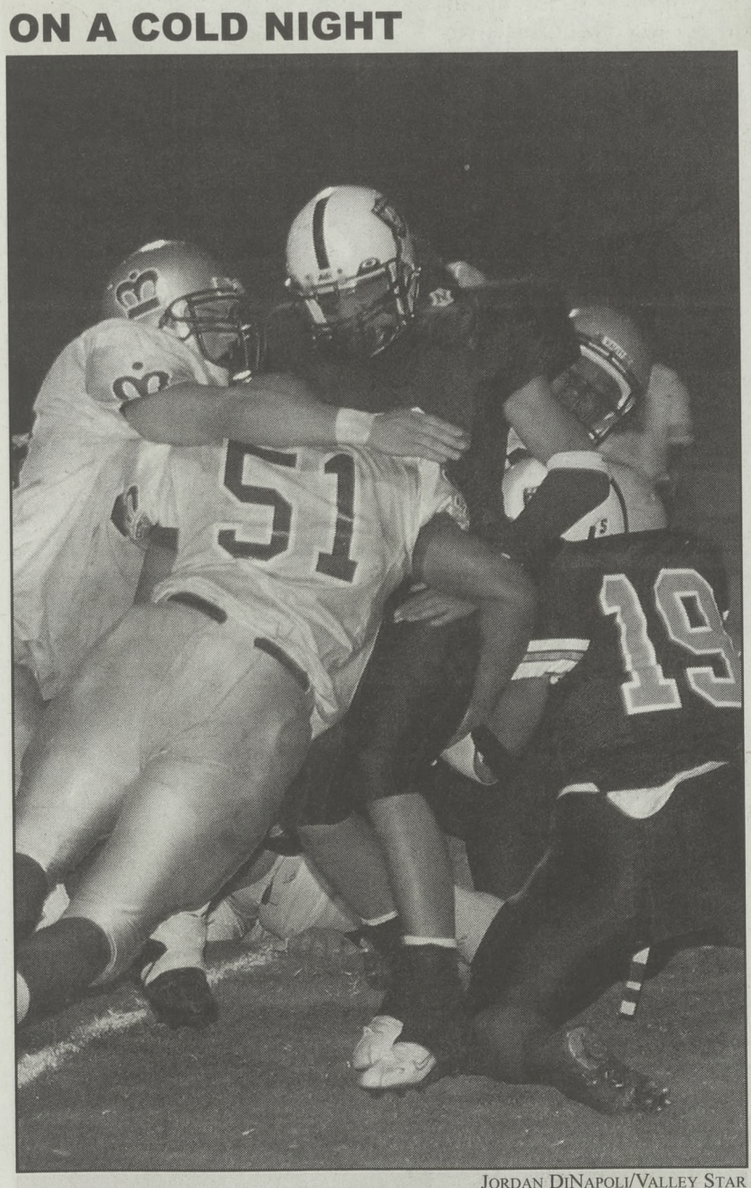
## ON A COLD NIGHT



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**YOU MAKE THE CALL** - Valley linebacker Glenn McIntyre, 51, assists in tackeling the Moorpark Raider running back in the endzone for what should have been a safety.

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# Valley Drowns Three Teams in Pasadena

**Lady Monarchs score big as they blow out three teams and win the Pasadena tournament.**

By Jayson Addcox
Sports Editor

The women's water polo team cruised past Trade Tech, College of the Canyons, and Pasadena City College to win the Pasadena tournament.

"It hurts us a bit playing weaker teams," head coach Bill Kraus said. "We played at a lower level. We need to raise the intensity entering league."

Ranked seventh in the state, the Lady Monarchs disposed of all three teams with ease. In the first game, Valley dominated Trade Tech winning 20-2. Megan Winchell had six goals and Val Alberti added four of her own. Goalie Ruth Mejia had four saves in the game.

"I thought we played OK. We kind of came in knowing they were not very strong teams," Mejia said.

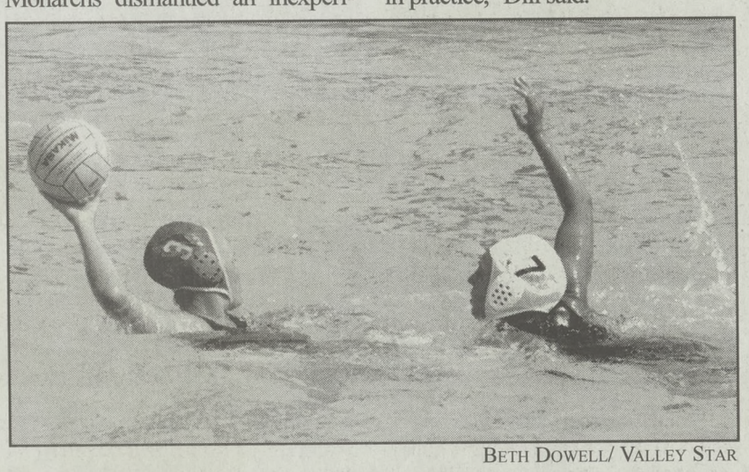
In the second game, the Monarchs dismantled an inexperienced College of the Canyons team 19-4. The Monarchs attempted 27 shots and Winchell scored eight goals leading the way in the blowout.

"We had a real good tourney, we came in as the highest ranked team," Winchell said.

In the final game against Pasadena the Monarchs continued its torrid pace defeating Pasadena 20-7. Sammie Zuckerman led the team with four goals and Ashley Dill had two assists and four steals.

Competition will get a lot tougher for the Lady Monarchs when they host Cuesta College in the conference opener today. The Monarchs lost to Cuesta twice last year, making the next game that much more important.

"This game is huge. We need to pick up our intensity, and work hard in practice," Dill said.



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**THROUGH THE PAIN** - Monarch Dro Hovenessian shoots and scores, while playing with a knee injury in saturdays overtime loss to Mt. Sac.

**AN OPINION**

# Rush to Judgment

By Michael Ordoña
Opinion Editor

So long Rush, and good riddance.

Arch-conservative radio host and alleged drug addict Rush Limbaugh resigned from ESPN's "NFL Countdown" three days after saying on the Sept. 28 show that Philadelphia Eagles QB Donovan McNabb was only considered among the NFL's elite because he was black.

"I think what we've had here is a little social concern in the NFL. The media has been very desirous that a black quarterback do well," Limbaugh said, "There is a little hope invested in McNabb, and he got a lot of credit for the performance of this team that he didn't deserve."

ESPN hired non-expert Limbaugh because he represented the average fan. "Apparently," humorist Al Franken said, "he represented the average racist fan."

Apparently Rush forgot that McNabb was the 2000 runner-up for league MVP, that he has been elected — by not only fans but players — to three Pro Bowls and that he has taken his team to consecutive NFC Championship games. In his first four years, despite having one of the worst receiving corps in the NFL, he has accounted for 85 touchdowns.

Limbaugh backed up his remarks on his radio show, saying, "If I wasn't [sic] right, there wouldn't be this cacophony of outrage that has sprung up in the sports writer community."

Among the other black quarterbacks whose success, by Limbaugh's logic, was a media mirage: Daunte Culpepper, who in his first three years as a starter accounted for an astounding 87 TDs, and Warren Moon, who ranks in the NFL's all-time top five in yards, touchdowns and completions despite spending six years in the CFL.

ESPN is getting just what they wanted when they hired Limbaugh: ratings were up 10 percent with him. ESPN did call the remarks "insensitive and inappropriate," but didn't call for his resignation.

"An apology would do no good. He obviously thought about it before he said it." McNabb said at a news conference Wednesday.

McNabb is one of the most popular and exciting players in the game, a perennial MVP candidate, and to have to even mention the color of his skin, considering his achievements, is a major step backward for all of us. Thanks, ESPN.

By the way, the NFL's current passing leader is the Vikings' Daunte Culpepper.

# Veteran's Edge

## Megan Winchell smiles only when opponents lose.

By Jayson Addcox
Sports Editor

Megan Winchell's sweet smile can't be found when she's dominating opposing defenses. Her soft blue eyes become intense as she glares into the eyes of opposing goalies before she rifles the ball into the back of the net. But out of the pool she's the complete opposite.

"I don't like to think I'm a nice person when I play. I get intense in the pool," Winchell said. "Out of the pool I'm a caring person, supportive of my teammates and respectful to others."

Winchell is a sophomore who is undecided about her major. She plans to transfer to a four-year university and continue playing water polo. She would like to attend Long Beach State but has applied to other schools.

Winchell began playing water polo when she was 11 years old and attended Crescenta Valley High School. She was recruited by Valley to play water polo and is now the leading scorer on the team. She has scored 59 goals and made 63 percent of her shots.

"She's our high scorer and one of the captains on the team," head coach Bill Kraus said. "She throws incredibly hard, and is a very experienced player."

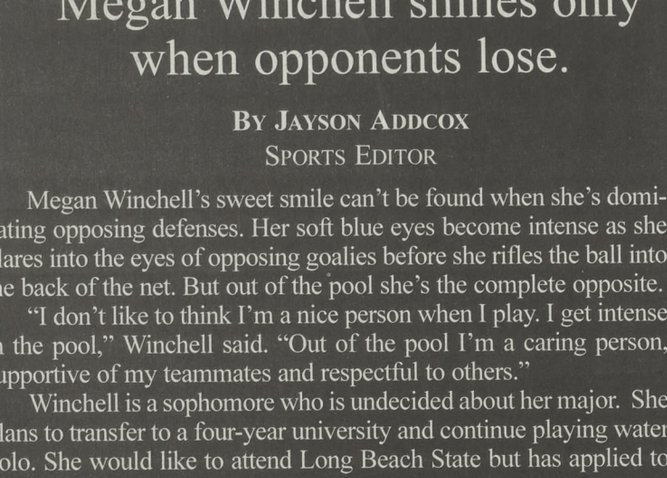
When she's not in the pool, she devotes her time to her three jobs. She is the J.V. water polo coach at Crescenta Valley high school. She is also a lifeguard and swimming coach at the Rose Bowl Aquatic Center.

"I love working with the kids at the aquatic center," Winchell said.

Her role model is her mother who she said is an amazing woman who never gives up on anything. "I love my mom. She tries hard in anything she does, and it shows in me and what I've been able to do in water polo," Winchell said.

Winchell has had a great experience here at Valley and really enjoys the being around her teammates.

"We have great team chemistry."



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**FOCUSED** - Megan Winchell, left, gets ready to score over a defender at the Mt. Sac tournament Sept. 20.

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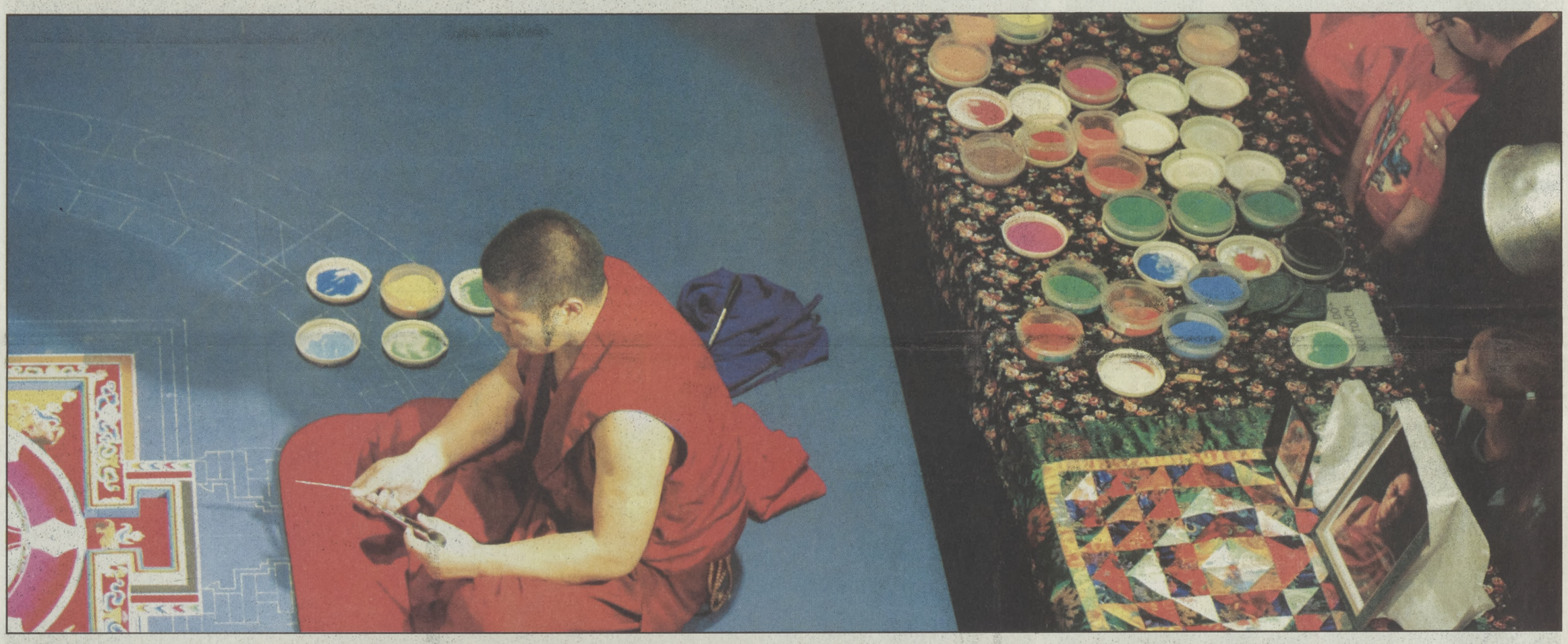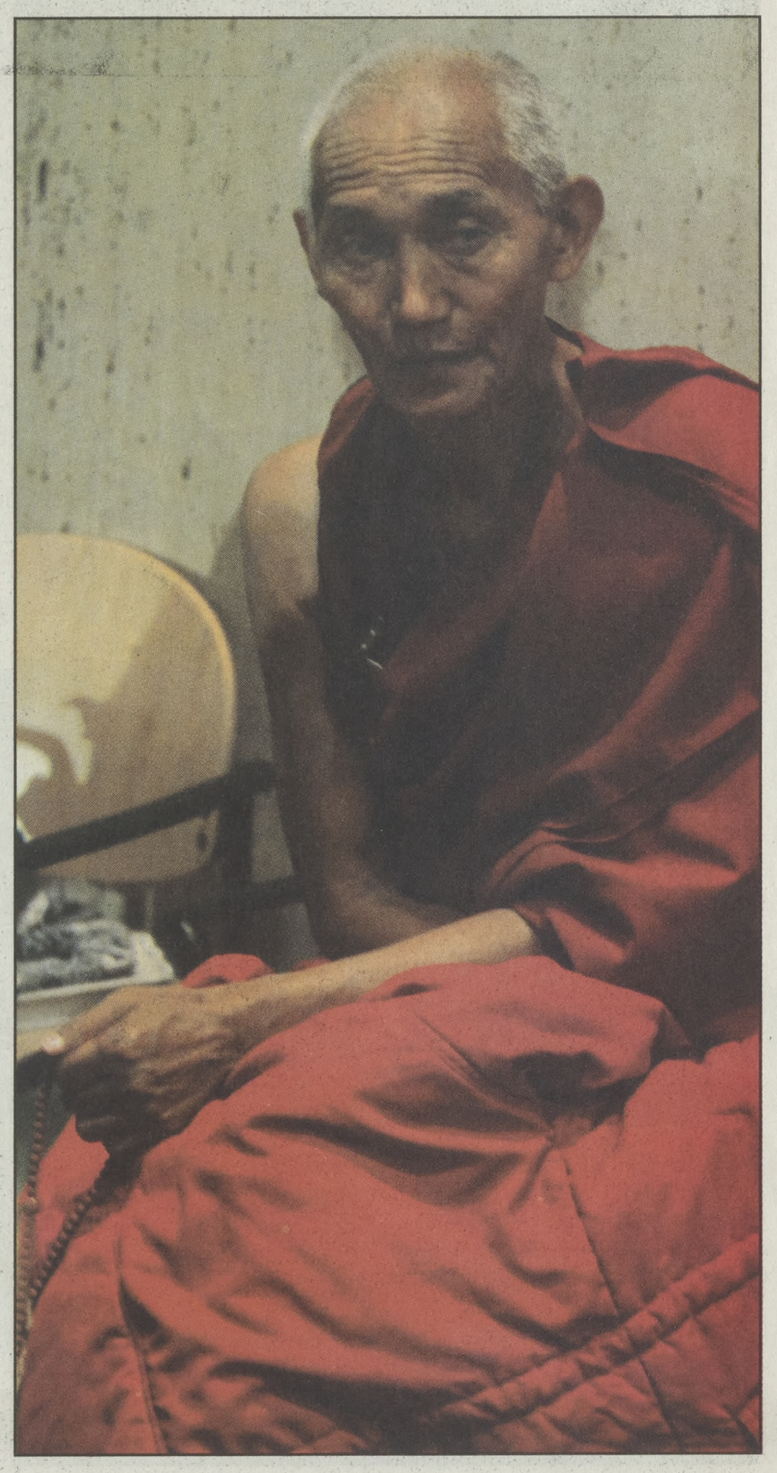
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